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GUIDE

for District Assessment Coordinators and

School Assessment Coordinators

- ELEMENTARY
- MIDDLE SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 3 through 8 and 10





Contacts and Telephone Numbers

This guide was developed specifically for use by Wisconsin District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) and School Assessment Coordinators (SACs) to assist in the administration of the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) *Knowledge and Concepts Examinations—Criterion-Referenced Test* (WKCE-CRT) Fall 2005 testing program.

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Important Dates

HELPFUL HINT: This schedule of important dates can be photocopied and posted for quick reference.

EVENT	DATE
Braille and Large Print —Braille and Large Print editions of the WKCE-CRT must be ordered by	July 8, 2005
Pre-Test Workshops —Workshops to discuss the WKCE-CRT administration are scheduled for	September 12–28, 2005
Coordinator Kits—Kits containing WKCE-CRT documents and other materials pertinent to the program are delivered to the District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) by	September 28, 2005
Test Materials —Test materials for grades 3 through 8 and 10 are received by DACs by	October 7, 2005
DACs Distribute Test Materials to School Assessment Coordinators (SACs)—DACs complete distribution of test materials to SACs	October 7–14, 2005
Inventory Test Materials—DACs complete inventory of test materials and report shortages to CTB by	October 21, 2005
Testing Window —Testing for the WKCE-CRT may begin before the start of the testing window, but may not extend beyond the closing of the testing window.	October 24– November 25, 2005
Pre-ID Labels—DACs receive pre-ID labels by	November 25, 2005
SACs Return Answer Documents to DACs—SACs must return students' completed test books (answer documents) to DACs the day after testing is complete or no later than	December 2, 2005
DACs Arrange for Pickup of Answer Documents—DACs must contact CTB online for pickup of students' answer documents no later than	December 14, 2005
Pickup of Answer Documents by CTB—Deadline for CTB to pick up answer documents is no later than	December 16, 2005
Record Editing System by DACs	January 30– February 10, 2006
Record Editing System by CTB	February 13– March 6, 2006
Optional Products—Schools and districts must send their optional products order to CTB by	March 3, 2006
Phase I Test Results—First phase of test results, including student reports, will be shipped by	March 17, 2006
Phase II Test Results—District and school performance reports will be available online by	March 31, 2006
Phase III—District and school reports will be available online by	April 28, 2006

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Message to District Assessment Coordinators and School Assessment Coordinators

Introduction

The Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) is a comprehensive statewide program designed to provide information about what students in Wisconsin know in core academic areas. The *Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations—Criterion-Referenced Test* (WKCE-CRT) is one component of WSAS. The WKCE-CRT is administered to students in grades 3 through 8 and 10.

Information in this guide pertains only to the WKCE-CRT Fall 2005 testing program at grades 3 through 8 and 10.

The Fall 2005 WKCE-CRT, developed and designed by CTB/McGraw-Hill (CTB), has been customized to measure the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards.

For students in **grade 3**, the test consists of multiple-choice and short-answer items in Reading and Mathematics.

For students in **grade 4**, the test includes multiple-choice and short-answer items in Reading and Mathematics; multiple-choice items in Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies; and two writing prompts. (The Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies parts of the test are based on $TerraNova^{\circ}$, an assessment series developed and designed by CTB, and enhanced with customized items.)

For students in **grade 5**, the test consists of multiple-choice and short-answer items in Reading and Mathematics.

For students in **grades 6 through 8**, the test is comprised of multiple-choice and short-answer items in Reading and Mathematics. In addition, for students in **grade 8 only**, the test includes multiple-choice items in Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies, and two writing prompts. (The Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies parts of the test are based on *TerraNova*®, an assessment series developed and designed by CTB, and enhanced with customized items.)

For students in **grade 10**, the test includes multiple-choice and short-answer items in Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies; multiple-choice items in Language Arts; and a writing prompt.

To ensure a smooth implementation of the testing program, everyone must work together and be familiar with the contents of this guide and the content of other test materials, paying careful attention to details.

Testing Window October 24– November 25, 2005

The WKCE-CRT will be administered October 24—November 25, 2005, to students in elementary school at grades 3 through 6, middle school at grades 7 and 8, and high school at grade 10. Testing may begin any time after receipt of test materials, as long as staff is prepared adequately.

Testing must be completed by November 25, 2005.

Administration of the WSAS Alternate Assessments September 1– November 25, 2005

- WSAS Alternate Assessment for English Language Learners, at grades 3 through 8 and 10
- WSAS Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities—Pre-Requisite Skill, at grades 3 through 8 and 10

These tests are individual student performance assessments administered as appropriate at the local level. Student results must be recorded on the back cover of the WKCE-CRT test book.

Materials for the WSAS Alternate Assessments are available on the following DPI websites:

http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsea/een/assmt-waa.html (for SwD) http://www.dpi.state.wi.us.dpi/oea/ells.html (for ELL)

Purpose of Program and Use of Results

The purpose of the WKCE-CRT is to provide

- information about attainment of subject proficiency to students, parents, and teachers;
- information to support curriculum and instructional planning; and
- a measure of accountability for schools and districts.

The results of the WKCE-CRT are used by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as an accountability measure for school improvement in order to

- meet its statutory requirement of identifying low-performing schools as stipulated by s.115.38(4), Wisconsin Statutes;
- meet the federal Title I (NCLB) requirement to determine how well children are learning; and
- determine the extent to which schools and districts across the state meet the Wisconsin proficiency standards.

All Students Must Be Accounted For

All students enrolled in Wisconsin public schools must be accounted for through this process. Therefore, if a student does not take any of the WKCE-CRT tests, a blank test book, with either the student pre-ID label or the student information page completed, must be returned for that student.

All students must be included in the WKCE-CRT unless the student is excused or exempt based only on the following situations:

- A parent or guardian requests that the student be excused from testing. Wisconsin law stipulates that a parent's request to have the student excused from testing at grades 4, 8, and 10 be honored.
- A significant medical emergency: Please fill in the circle on the back of the test book if the student had a significant medical emergency that resulted in exemption from WKCE-CRT testing. A significant medical emergency is a significant health impairment that renders the student incapable of participating in any academic activities, including state assessments, for the entire testing window. School districts may request students with a significant medical emergency be exempted from the test participation calculation through the reconsideration process. Districts will need written documentation from a physician of the medical emergency, including evidence that the condition will prevent the student from participation in any academic activities, including tests, for the entire testing window. Examples might include hospitalization for a life-threatening condition or a serious accident involving extensive rehabilitation. "No" will be assumed unless "Yes" is marked.
- A student with disabilities (SwD) may be excluded from some or all tests if the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) specifically indicates that the student should be excluded. Note that most students with disabilities can and must be included in testing. If accommodations to the test are needed, they must be provided. Students with disabilities (SwD) excluded from some or all tests will participate in WSAS Alternate Assessments—Pre-Requisite Skills for SwD.
- Under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, a student must be tested, except in extremely rare situations. It is highly unlikely that a school could justify not testing a student based on the student qualification under Section 504 alone. One example for not testing a Section 504 student may be that the student is suffering from acute emotional difficulties resulting from recent severe trauma or a terminal illness.
- A student categorized as an English Language Learner (ELL) is expected to participate in the WSAS regular assessments as soon as the student achieves an English proficiency level that allows that student to demonstrate his or her knowledge and skills on these tests.

See page 49 of this guide for *DPI Guidelines to Facilitate the Participation of Students with Special Needs in State Assessments.*

Note: Title I students and students who receive free or reduced-price lunches are not, by such definition, students with disabilities. No accommodations are to be provided when testing students served by Title I unless they are also identified as students with disabilities, students with handicaps under Section 504, or ELL students. In such cases, the IEP, IAP (Individualized Assessment Plan), or ELL status will determine the type of accommodations needed.

Students with
Disabilities (SwD)
Residing in One School
District but Attending
School in Another
School District
(SwD 00D)

Test books for students with disabilities who test outside of their district of residence (SwD OOD) no longer require special handling. However, an SwD OOD student's test book must be determined to have **either**

- a student label with the correct district-of-residence number or
- the correct district-of-residence number bubbled on the inside front cover (the student information page).

Then the student's test book can be placed with the test books of the main population of students testing in your district.

Note: This provision does not apply to SwD students who attend a school in your district under Open Enrollment or Chapter 220.

Test Security

The primary goal of WKCE-CRT test security is to protect the integrity of the examinations. To ensure that trends in achievement results can be calculated across years in order to provide longitudinal data, a certain number of test questions must be repeated from year to year. If any of these questions are made public, the validity of the test may be compromised. If the reliability or validity of a test is compromised, it may require the invalidation of the test scores of individuals or entire classes, as well as other disciplinary actions for wrongdoers. The best way to ensure test security is to limit access to tests to those educators who must have access and to ensure that all who have access understand the crucial need for test security.

Tests developed and used in the WSAS statewide testing program are secure, proprietary test instruments published by CTB/McGraw-Hill (CTB) under contract with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and copyrighted by the DPI. The shelf portions of the Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies assessments for grades 4 and 8 are copyrighted by CTB. Any disclosure or dissemination of actual test items to any person may be considered a copyright violation and may severely undermine the value of the test and adversely affect the validity of test results.

The statement below appears in every test book:

TEST SECURITY

All passages, stimuli, and questions used in the *Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations—Criterion-Referenced Test* are CONFIDENTIAL and must be kept SECURE at all times. Unauthorized use, duplication or reproduction of ANY or ALL portions of the test material is prohibited. Violation of security can result in district disciplinary action, prosecution, and/or penalties by the Department of Public Instruction or CTB/McGraw-Hill.

Who Is Responsible for Test Security?

Everyone who works with the assessments, communicates test results to others, and/or receives testing information is responsible for test security.

This includes the following:

- DPI staff
- District Administrators and both certified and noncertified public school staff
- District Assessment Coordinators (DACs)
- School Assessment Coordinators (SACs)
- Students, parents, and the community at large
- Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESA) staff

Security Throughout the Testing Process

All WKCE-CRT test materials must be kept secure. Do not photocopy or duplicate any portion of the test book at any time. Test books must be kept in a **locked** storage cabinet or area before and after all testing sessions. Test security is the responsibility of the entire school community.

District Assessment Coordinators should work closely with School Assessment Coordinators to direct the management of the WKCE-CRT. The first responsibility is to ensure test security throughout the testing process not only to protect the integrity of the test but also to protect principals and teachers from any appearance of impropriety. On a daily basis, DACs and SACs should make sure that all test materials are placed in a locked storage area when not in use during a testing session. They must also make sure that students do not share information about test content when the test is administered to same-grade-level students at different times. If any deviation is noted, they should take immediate action to correct it. Depending on the severity of a deviation in security, it may be necessary to advise the DPI's Office of Educational Accountability.

What Are Some Examples of Test Security Violations?

Test security violations can be committed by educators, students, or others. Some examples of test security violations by **educators** include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Leaving students unsupervised during testing
- Leaving test materials in an unsecured place
- Photocopying or keeping a personal copy of the test
- Taking notes about test questions and using them or a close paraphrase to prepare students for testing
- Offering "hints" that indicate an answer or help eliminate answer choices
- Rephrasing the test questions
- Editing (changing) student answers after completion of the test by erasing any wrong answers and writing in the correct ones

- Providing test accommodations for students with disabilities that are not included in the students' IEP or IAP
- Allowing students to go back to previous sections in the test book to check their work
- Allowing students to go back to the current section in the test book to change their answers after the testing time has expired

Some examples of test security violations by **students** include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Illegally obtaining a test book to study or to let others study
- Securing a marked test book or "crib sheet" from a teacher or another student
- Copying or "stealing" answers from another student during testing
- Sharing specific test information with other students in the same grade who are scheduled to take the same test at a later time
- Taking a test during the makeup period and asking a student who has already completed the test to disclose test questions and/or answers

Possible Consequences/ Sanctions for Compromising Test Security

Administrators, certified and noncertified school staff, students, and parents must adhere to ethical procedures in testing. Any violation of these procedures can be investigated, and appropriate sanctions may be taken by the local school board, the DPI, and/or the court system.

School or district staff members must immediately report all incidents of cheating or other test irregularities by students or staff to the District Assessment Coordinator and to the State Superintendent. When a testing irregularity is alleged to have occurred, the DPI will ask the school and district to conduct a thorough fact-finding investigation of the alleged irregularity and report the results of the investigation to the Department.

After receipt of the fact-finding report, DPI staff will consult with the district on the severity of the alleged testing irregularity, whether it was severe enough to affect test results, and at what level: student, school, or district. As the validity and reliability of the examinations rest with the Department, the DPI will ultimately determine whether the irregularity should be declared a testing violation, whether the WKCE-CRT results should be invalidated, and at what level.

Test security violations may be reported by school faculty, students, their parents or other family members, and members of the community. Violations can also be detected by erasure analysis, unusual score gains, and other irregularities.

Sanctions for **educator** violations of security measures may include the following:

- Suspension or acceptance of voluntary surrender of certificate of licensure
- Suspension without pay or a written reprimand
- Termination of contract, acceptance of resignation, or retirement
- Civil legal liability for copyright violations
- Legal prosecution

Sanctions for **student** violations of security measures may include the following:

- Invalidation of test results
- Invalidation of specific test questions or subtests, or invalidation of pass/fail proficiency results
- Suspension or expulsion from school, or other disciplinary actions as specified by the local school board code of conduct
- Suspension or expulsion from participating in extra-curricular school activities, such as sports, plays, or school-sponsored social functions, as dictated by local school board policies
- Denial of appointment to a school membership team, such as mathematics or debate team
- Removal from an elected office, such as president of the student council, as dictated by local school board policies

Braille/Large Print Editions

Braille and/or Large Print editions of the WKCE-CRT are available for blind or visually handicapped students in your school or district. Special accommodations may be necessary when administering the test to them. Please check the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) for any special accommodations.

For those districts that have ordered and received Braille and Large Print editions, administration manuals will be included in the shipment of test materials. The deadline for ordering is July 8, 2005.

Braille Edition

Students who take the WKCE-CRT Braille edition use a Brailling device called a "Brailler." School staff must transcribe verbatim the student's responses into a regular WKCE-CRT test book and return it to CTB with the rest of the students' test books for scoring. (The used Braille test book must be destroyed after test results have been received and verified.)

Note: Test books that have been transcribed by school staff must bear the full name of, and be personally initialed by, the person(s) who did the transcription. The transcriber's name and initials should appear on the back cover of the test book, directly under the student's name.

Test scores for students who take the Braille edition of the WKCE-CRT include all criterion-referenced and proficiency-level scores provided under the WSAS.

Large Print Edition

Students who take the WKCE-CRT Large Print edition mark their responses directly in the Large Print test book. School staff must then transcribe verbatim each student's responses into a regular WKCE-CRT test book and return it to CTB with the rest of the students' test books for scoring. (The used Large Print test book must be destroyed after test results have been received and verified.)

Note: Test books that have been transcribed by school staff must bear the full name of, and be personally initialed by, the person(s) who did the transcription. The transcriber's name and initials should appear on the back cover of the test book, directly under the student's name.

Test scores for students who take the Large Print edition of the WKCE-CRT include all criterion-referenced and proficiency-level scores provided under the WSAS.

Delivery of Test Materials

Test materials will be received by districts no later than October 7, 2005. District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) must inventory all materials immediately and report any shortages no later than October 21, 2005, so that any shortages can be remedied well before the testing date. Shortages of test materials are to be reported to the Wisconsin Help Desk at (800) 282-2203. The districts shown on page 36 will have their schools report shortages.

DACs will automatically receive an overage of test materials to cover any initial shortages. CTB will accept reports of shortages from DACs only. School Assessment Coordinators (SACs) must report any shortages of test materials to their DAC.

See pages 10–12 of this guide for a complete inventory of WKCE-CRT test materials.

Calculators

The use of calculators varies by grade, and calculators must be provided by the school district.

Using calculators in grades 3 and 4 is prohibited for all sessions of the test. Only students whose IEP or Section 504 plan allows for the accommodation of calculator usage may use the calculator during the comprehension sessions of the test. No student may use a calculator during the computation sessions of the test.

Using calculators in grades 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 is required, and calculators must be made available to each student participating in the assessment. CTB provides rulers and other manipulatives, but does not supply calculators.

In grades 5–8, all students must have either a four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator during the calculator-required sessions.

In grade 10, all students must have either a scientific or graphing calculator.

If students have decided to use graphing calculators, it is imperative for security reasons that examiners follow the directions for clearing calculator memory at the beginning and at the end of each session for which calculators are allowed. Calculators or other electronic devices that possess any of the following features are **not** permitted:

- · QWERTY keyboard
- Devices that make noise or "talk"
- Touch screen, electronic writing pad, pen-input or stylus-driven entry systems
- Removable memory units
- Image capture or video recording or transmission
- Sound recording or transmission
- Wireless communication

Deadline to Arrange Pickup of Test Materials December 14, 2005

District Assessment Coordinators are required to use CTB's online process at http://programs.ctb.com/WKCE to arrange for pickup of test materials for scoring no later than the third school day after testing is completed throughout the district, or by December 14, 2005, whichever is earlier.

If no online access is available, DACs should call CTB's Wisconsin Help Desk at (800) 282-2203.

All answer documents must be picked up for shipment to CTB no later than December 16, 2005.

Retaining Test Books Not Allowed

All WKCE-CRT unused test books, except for one copy at each grade level, must be returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill. Every Wisconsin public school district must keep one copy of each grade-level test book (grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10) to meet the Public Access Rules, Wis. Stats. 118.30 (3). Public Access Rules require public schools to make available, upon request, within 90 days of the date of administration, any of the required pupil assessments.

No one is allowed to retain any copies of the test book at any grade level, except for the one copy to meet the Wisconsin Public Access Rules. All test material (used and unused) is to be returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill for inventory. Quantities of test books delivered to each location will be monitored and verified when returned.

Overview of WKCE-CRT Materials

A brief description of the materials that are a part of the Fall 2005 Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations—Criterion-Referenced Test is provided below.

School Assessment Coordinator's Kit

The following materials should be included in the School Assessment Coordinator's Kit:

Optional Products Order Form

Use this form to order materials that are not provided under the WKCE-CRT program. Each district is responsible for purchasing these optional materials.

• School Header Sheets

Each school receives two copies of precoded School Header Sheets for each grade. Each School Header Sheet comes preprinted with the school name and number. The SAC is required to complete the information boxes on one of these sheets. The second sheet is extra and to be used only if necessary.

School/Group List

Each school receives a precoded School/Group List. The SAC is required to ensure that all information on the School/Group List is correct.

• This Guide for District Assessment Coordinators and School Assessment Coordinators

• Shipping Labels

Shipping labels are included for the return of test books. Both the DAC and the SAC will use these labels for returning **both used and unused** test books to CTB for scoring.

Note: The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will provide CTB/McGraw-Hill with preliminary student barcode information. DPI will send a student data file to CTB on October 1, 2005, containing up-to-the-minute enrollment data (pulled from the Wisconsin Student Locator Database). These data will include student names, IDs (local and WSN), gender, race, and other identifying information from the WSLS database. We will combine these data, based on the WSN, with 2005–06 ISES data where available, or with 2004–05 ISES data where 2005–06 is not available. These additional ISES data will include grade, ELL status, migrant status, economic status, disability, and other relevant ISES data elements.

In some cases, these data will not be accurate for a given student. Contrary to past practices, you are still to use the label. Any errors on the label can be corrected/updated through the ISES data collection, which will be open through the middle of November 2005. When ISES data are locked for the state (some time in early December), DPI will send a final file to CTB to bring all student records up to date. The final file will contain all of the same data that the October file contained, but will use the updated 2005–06 ISES data. Districts will still have the opportunity to use the Record Editing System in late January/early February to correct any errors that may have occurred.

Districts will no longer use the WSAS data collection software, but we will ask all districts to make sure that their WSLS database is updated by September 30, and that their ISES data collection is completed as accurately and quickly as possible.

Test Materials Delivered to DACs

The following materials will be delivered to District Assessment Coordinators before testing (and must be distributed to School Assessment Coordinators by October 14, 2005):

Test Books

Test books are scannable; therefore, the student does not need to transcribe the answers onto an answer sheet.

• Braille and Large Print Test Books

Braille and Large Print test books will be included if ordered by the district.

Manipulatives/Punch-Out Tools

These are necessary for the completion of the Mathematics section of the WKCE-CRT. They are shrink-wrapped with the test books and are at the bottom of each package.

• Directions for Test Administration

The directions contain all instructions needed to administer the test and can be found at the bottom of each shrink-wrapped package of test books.

• Student/Parent Pre-Test Brochure

This brochure contains information about the WKCE-CRT in a user-friendly format, and it should be distributed to students to take home before testing begins. The brochure includes a summary of the testing program, test objectives, sample test questions, and some suggestions to help students prepare for the test. It also includes a note informing parents that they may request that the school board excuse their child from participating in the test. It is delivered to DACs. It will be available on the DPI/OEA website at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/kce_publin.html.

 This Guide for District Assessment Coordinators and School Assessment Coordinators

Post-Test Materials Made Available for DACs

After testing, the following materials will be made available for District Assessment Coordinators:

• Record Editing System (RES)
This will be available to DACs January 30–February 10, 2006.

• Score Reports

These are student, school, and district reports, which will be available for DACs in three phases:

- **Phase I** contains individual student reports, scheduled to arrive in districts by March 17, 2006.
- Phase II contains school- and district-level performance reports that have state-level data, as well as statewide summary data.
 Phase II reports will be available online by March 31, 2006.
- Phase III contains school- and district-level reports. Phase III reports will be available online by April 28, 2006.

• Administrator's Interpretive Guide

This guide is designed to help school and district staff understand, explain, and use the results of the WKCE-CRT. It provides a brief overview of the tests, the types of scores reported, and samples and descriptions of test reports. It is delivered to DACs. It will be available on the DPI/OEA website (http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/kce_publin.html) in February 2006.

Student/parent interpretive information will be placed on the back
of the individual student report, the Individual Profile Report (IPR).
 There will be no Student/Parent Interpretive Guide, except for
the "backer text" on the IPR.

Responsibilities of District Assessment Coordinators (DACs)

Preparation for Testing

District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) and School Assessment Coordinators (SACs) must work together to set up testing schedules that best meet each school's particular needs. Teachers must be allowed to follow a testing schedule that prevents rushed sessions and student fatigue. When scheduling daily testing sessions, remember to allow ample time after testing to organize test materials for return to the SAC from the classroom and, after all testing is completed, for assembly and return to the DAC. The DAC is responsible for shipment of all test books back to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring. DACs should follow these steps when preparing for testing:

- 1 **Review this guide** and the WKCE-CRT *Directions for Test Administration*. Be familiar with all testing procedures.
- 2 **Inventory all test materials** immediately after receipt. Notify CTB of any shortages. (Districts shown on page 36 will have their schools report shortages of test materials.)
- 3 **Report shortages or additions** to CTB no later than October 21, 2005. Having your information organized before calling CTB will help representatives answer your questions.
- 4 **Distribute test materials to SACs** as soon as possible. Maintain an accurate account of all materials.
- 5 Ensure that SACs have distributed the *Student/Parent Pre-Test Brochure* to all students in grades 3 through 8 and 10 immediately after receipt of the materials. Students must be instructed to take the brochures home to share with their parents or guardians.
- 6 Work with SACs and teachers/examiners by providing staff-training sessions, disseminating information, scheduling testing, and helping as necessary to coordinate their activities and schedules.
- 7 **Distribute photocopies of important information** from this guide to staff, as necessary.
- 8 Ensure that SACs have arranged for one or more proctors to help monitor students' work and to assist during the distribution and collection of test materials when tests are administered in large group sessions. As a general rule, one proctor for every 15 students is recommended.
- 9 Maintain, promote, and ensure security of the test materials at all times.
- 10 Save the boxes in which the test materials were shipped. These boxes are necessary for returning both used and unused test books to CTB. If the total number of boxes is insufficient for return of all required materials, please contact CTB immediately.

11 Make sure that school, student, and information data are accurate. See Appendix A of this guide for a list of the most common errors.

During Testing

During the administration of the WKCE-CRT test, the DAC should do the following:

- Monitor each school's testing schedule. If a school falls behind schedule, make sure the SAC takes appropriate action to avoid falling further behind, without compromising the fair and unhurried assessment of the students.
- Supervise and, if necessary, help coordinate the schools' daily handling and security of test materials.
- Ensure that students are supervised during testing sessions.
- Help organize makeup sessions to ensure that every student has had the opportunity to test on schedule.

After Testing

The DAC is responsible for the security of the test materials and the timely receipt of the test materials from each SAC. These and other DAC responsibilities are listed below:

- 1 Coordinate receipt of complete scorable test materials and their timely shipment to CTB/McGraw-Hill. This must be your first priority!
- 2 Ensure that all test materials are received from each school the next school day after its testing sessions (including makeups) have concluded, or by December 2, 2005, whichever is earlier.
- 3 Use the photocopies of the School/Group List and the School Header Sheet found in the first box of each school's shipment, to verify that the information printed on the School/Group Lists and School Header Sheets is accurate. Check this information carefully. Correct information will ensure fast and accurate scoring. District and school names and codes are based on the DPI Public School Directory Update (PI 1280). If inaccurate, the PI 1280 must be corrected. Call the DPI Center for Education Statistics at (608) 267-3166 to submit a correction.
- 4 Make sure you have accounted for **all** students in your school and district. If a student in grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 10 does not participate in any one of the WKCE-CRT assessments or WSAS Alternate Assessments, it will still be necessary to return a test book for that student.
- 5 Assemble and organize materials according to the instructions in "Returning Materials to CTB/McGraw-Hill" on page 16 and "Packaging the Student Documents" on page 17 of this guide. Do **not** ship any test materials to CTB until **all** test materials have been received from all schools in your district and have been organized according to the instructions in this guide.
- 6 Use CTB's online process to arrange for pickup of the test materials for scoring (http://programs.ctb.com/WKCE). Note: The URL is casesensitive. You must contact CTB no later than the third school day after testing (including makeups) is completed throughout the district, or by December 14, 2005, whichever is earlier. If no online access is available, call CTB's Wisconsin Help Desk at (800) 282-2203.
- 7 After testing, both used and unused test books are to be returned to CTB (see the next section for more details).

Returning Materials to CTB/McGraw-Hill

Materials	The following materials will be needed to package and mail test materials to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring:
	☐ Shipping boxes (saved from original receipt of materials)
	☐ Stack Cards for test books
	☐ Paper tape for bundling stacks
	☐ Return-shipping labels
	☐ Marking pens
	☐ Sealing tape
Preparing the Paperwork	It is important that all paperwork be accurately completed before shipment to CTB for scoring.
School Header Sheet	A sample of the School Header Sheet and the accompanying directions can be found on pages 45 and 46 of this guide.
School/Group List	A sample of the School/Group List and the accompanying directions can be found on pages 47 and 48 of this guide.

Packaging the Student Documents

The DAC must check the SACs' packaging before shipment to CTB/McGraw-Hill.

If the test materials have not been packaged properly, the DAC should refer to the SAC directions (see Section 4 of this guide). Carefully following these directions will help to ensure that the test results will be accurate and returned on time.

Tests must be sorted by grade and packaged separately.

The following steps should be used to verify proper packaging.

STEP 1—Checking Test Books

Work with test books one school at a time.

The information on the student pre-ID label overrides any information bubbled in on the student information page, with the exception of the "optional field" information. Only the "optional field" information can be used simultaneously with a student pre-ID label.

Remember, a test book must be returned for ALL students currently enrolled in the grade tested.

Check to see that the Stack Cards are sorted by grade.

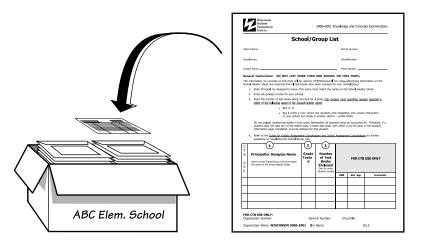
Verify that the number of students shown on the Stack Cards for each grade totals the number of students enrolled at that grade for that school as shown on the School Header Sheet. (Use the photocopies of the School Header Sheet(s), which are stapled together with the photocopied School/Group List and placed under the original School/Group List in Box #1 of each school's shipment, to verify the student counts shown on the Stack Cards.)

STEP 2—Checking the School/Group List

Work with one school at a time.

Pull out the stapled photocopies of the School Header Sheet(s) and School/Group List from Box #1 of each school's shipment for your records.

Verify that the original School/Group List has been completed for this school. Then place it on top of the stacks in Box #1. Seal all of the boxes with strong sealing tape.

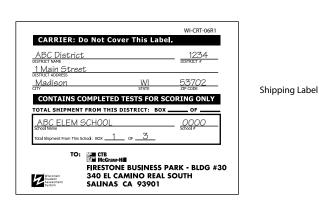


STEP 3—Return-Shipping Labels

Fill in the district information on the shipping labels. Do **not** fill in the section for number of boxes for total shipment yet. This information will be completed later.

Work with one school at a time. Check that the school information on the shipping label has been filled in completely.

Count the number of boxes for the school. Verify that the section labeled "Total Shipment From This School: BOX ___ OF ___" is filled in correctly. (For example, if there are three boxes for this school, then the first label should say "BOX 1 OF 3," as shown below.)

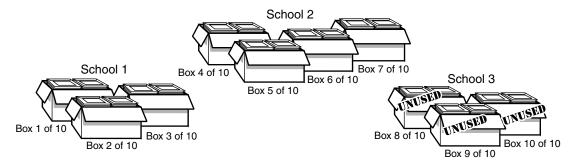


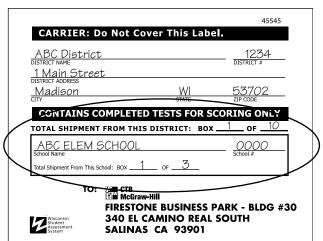
REPEAT STEPS 2 AND 3 FOR EACH SCHOOL UNTIL COMPLETE.

STEP 4—Preparing Boxes for Shipment

Line up your boxes in proper sequence by school. Count the number of boxes in your entire shipment. Include boxes of unused test books in your shipment count.

All unused test books should be placed in boxes and returned with the used test books to be scored. It is preferable to package unused test books separately from used test books; however, they may be packaged together if there are only a few unused test books or if no extra boxes are available. The unused test books need to be banded together and clearly marked "UNUSED."





Complete the information in the "TOTAL SHIPMENT FROM THIS DISTRICT: BOX ___ OF ___" section of the return label. For example, if there are 10 boxes for the district, then the label on the first box from the first school should say "BOX 1 OF 10." Fill in the remaining labels in the proper order, and place each label on the top right-hand corner of each box in the shipment.

All spaces on labels should be filled in correctly and completely.

STEP 5—District Assessment Coordinator's Checklist

District Assessment Coordinators should use the checklist below to make sure all steps have been completed before test materials are returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill.

Before releasing the test materials for shipment, answer each of these questions:

- ☐ Have you received all test materials to be returned for scoring?
- ☐ Are the test book Stack Cards grouped by grade and labeled correctly?
- ☐ Have you made photocopies of both School Header Sheets and School/Group Lists, if they were not provided by the school? Originals need to be sent to CTB.

J	Unsigned or incomplete School Header Sheets will not be accepted by CTB and may delay results for your entire district. (Check photocopies provided by the schools in Box #1 of their shipments.)
	Are the School/Group Lists in the first box of each school's shipment?
	Have the test materials been packaged in the boxes in which the materials were received?
	Are the shipping labels clearly numbered on the boxes for each school, i.e., "Box 1 of 10," "Box 2 of 10," etc.?
	Are the shipping labels filled out completely and correctly?
	Are the stacks of unused test books, if interspersed with used books clearly marked "UNUSED"?

STEP 6—Pickup of Test Materials

Arrange for pickup of boxes by using CTB's online process at http://programs.ctb.com/WKCE. (**Note:** The URL is case-sensitive.) You will be directed to enter retrieval information. If no online access is available, call CTB's Wisconsin Help Desk at (800) 282-2203.

The deadline for DACs to contact CTB to pick up test materials is December 14, 2005.

Late delivery of test materials by any district will jeopardize delivery of score reports. The Department of Public Instruction and CTB/McGraw-Hill will monitor district compliance.

All materials (used and unused) are to be returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill, except for one copy of each grade-level test. Every Wisconsin public school district must keep one copy of each grade-level test book (grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10) to meet the Public Access Rules, Wis. Stats. 118.30 (3). Public Access Rules require public schools to make available, upon request, within 90 days of the date of administration, any of the required pupil assessments.

Responsibilities of School Assessment Coordinators (SACs)

Preparation for Testing

School Assessment Coordinators (SACs) and District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) must work together to set up testing schedules that best meet each school's particular needs. Teachers must be allowed to follow a testing schedule that prevents rushed sessions and student fatigue. When scheduling daily testing sessions, remember to allow ample time after testing to organize the test materials for return to the SAC from the classroom and, after all testing is completed, for assembly and return to the DAC. The DAC is responsible for shipment of test books back to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring. SACs should follow these steps in preparation for testing:

- 1 Inventory all test materials immediately after receipt from your DAC. Your end count after testing should match the original inventory; you must account for every test book.
 - Report any shortages to your DAC immediately. SACs should not call CTB/McGraw-Hill to report shortages. Instead, your DAC should be the contact person for your district.
- 2 Review this guide and the WKCE-CRT *Directions for Test Administration*. Become familiar with all testing procedures.
- 3 Schedule and announce all testing sessions.
- 4 Conduct staff development sessions as necessary for teachers/ examiners and proctors to ensure that they understand all instructions in the WKCE-CRT *Directions for Test Administration*.
- 5 Distribute photocopies of important information from this guide to staff, as necessary.
- 6 Ensure that each teacher will have one or more proctors to help monitor students' work and to assist with the distribution and collection of test materials when tests are administered in large group sessions. As a general rule, one proctor for every 15 students is recommended.
- 7 Maintain, promote, and ensure security of the test materials at all times.
- 8 Save the boxes in which test materials were received. These boxes are necessary for returning both used and unused test books to CTB. If the total number of boxes is insufficient for return of all required materials, please contact your DAC immediately.

Make sure that all school and student data are accurate. See Appendix A of this guide for a list of the most common errors.

Test Materials

The following materials will be included in the school package and will be needed to administer the tests (the SAC must check to make sure that all test materials have been received):

- ☐ Student pre-ID labels (sent separately)
- ☐ This Guide for District Assessment Coordinators and School Assessment Coordinators
- ☐ Test books with Punch-Out Tools (manipulatives)
- ☐ Braille and Large Print test books, if ordered
- Directions for Test Administration
- ☐ School Header Sheet
- ☐ School/Group List
- ☐ Stack Cards for returning test books
- Paper tape for bundling stacks
- ☐ Return-shipping labels
- Optional Products Order Form

Other WKCE-CRT Test Materials

DACs may either receive under separate cover the materials for the WSAS Alternate Assessments for students with disabilities (SwD) or English Language Learner (ELL) students or print these assessment materials from the following DPI websites:

http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsea/een/assmt-waa.html (for SwD) http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/ells.html (for ELL)

Chapter PI 13 Wisconsin Administrative Code requires that each district assess English Language Learners for English language proficiency using a test approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Beginning in the academic year 2005–2006, Wisconsin schools will annually assess English Language Learner (ELL) students using the ACCESS for ELLsTM English language proficiency test. DACs and Bilingual/ESL administrators will receive information by October 2005 on how to order this assessment online from MetriTech, Inc. ACCESS for ELLs is a secure assessment, testing the four language domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in English as required under NCLB. The testing window for 2005–2006 is tentatively set for January 9, 2006, to March 3, 2006.

For ELL students new to the district, and/or to evaluate whether students should be placed in WAA-ELL or the WKCE, there is a companion screener, known as the "ACCESS Screener." The ACCESS Screener will be available

online as downloadable PDF files by August 22, 2005. DACs and Bilingual/ESL administrators will receive a password to download the screener and online procedures training.

During fall 2005, schools may continue to use their current interim assessments (LAS, IPT, W-M, MAC II) or the ACCESS Screener. These instruments will assist with identification, program placement, and exit issues, and will also assist teachers in identifying which tier book (A, B, or C) should be ordered for the ACCESS for ELLs 2006 window.

For more information about testing students with special needs, see *DPI* Guidelines to Facilitate the Participation of Students with Special Needs in State Assessments at:

http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi//dlsea/een/assmt-waa.html and http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/ells.html.

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Administering the Tests

Suggested Testing Schedules

The charts that follow provide a list of testing sessions for WKCE-CRT grades 3 through 8 and 10, including working time requirements for each subtest and a suggested testing schedule. The test dates and testing schedule should be announced to staff, students, and parents in advance.

GRADE 3

DAY/CONTENT AREA/SESSION	TESTING TIME*
☐ Practice Activities	40 minutes
☐ Fill in the student information page (unless labels	s are used)
☐ DAY 1: Reading, Session 1	40 minutes
DAY 2: Reading, Session 2	40 minutes
☐ DAY 3: Reading, Session 3	40 minutes
DAY 4: Reading, Session 4	45 minutes
☐ DAY 5: Mathematics, Session 1	25 minutes
DAY 6: Mathematics, Session 2	35 minutes
DAY 7: Mathematics, Session 3	30 minutes
☐ DAY 8: Mathematics, Session 4, Part A	15 minutes
Break	10 minutes
Mathematics, Session 4, Part B	20 minutes
☐ Fill in the Student Assessment Report (back cover of the test book)	

^{*}ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL 5 TO 10 MINUTES FOR PREPARATION.

GRADE 4

DAY/CONTENT AREA/SESSION	TESTING TIME*
☐ Practice Activities	40 minutes
☐ Fill in the student information page (unless labels	are used)
☐ DAY 1: Reading, Session 1	40 minutes
DAY 2: Reading, Session 2	40 minutes
DAY 3: Reading, Session 3	35 minutes
DAY 4: Reading, Session 4	45 minutes
DAY 5: Mathematics, Session 1	25 minutes
DAY 6: Mathematics, Session 2	40 minutes
☐ DAY 7: Mathematics, Session 3	30 minutes
☐ DAY 8: Mathematics, Session 4, Part A	15 minutes
Break	10 minutes
Mathematics, Session 4, Part B	20 minutes
□ DAY 9: Revising and Editing (Language Arts)**	40 minutes
DAY 10: Writing, Session 1	30 minutes
DAY 11: Writing, Session 2	30 minutes
DAY 12: Science	40 minutes
☐ DAY 13: Social Studies	40 minutes
☐ Fill in the Student Assessment Report	
(back cover of the test book)	

^{*} ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL 5 TO 10 MINUTES FOR PREPARATION.

^{**} THIS YEAR, FOR GRADE 4 ONLY, THE LANGUAGE ARTS TEST IS TITLED "REVISING AND EDITING."

GRADE 5

DAY/CONTENT AREA/SESSION	TESTING TIME*
☐ Practice Activities	40 minutes
☐ Fill in the student information page (unless labe	els are used)
☐ DAY 1: Reading, Session 1	40 minutes
☐ DAY 2: Reading, Session 2	40 minutes
☐ DAY 3: Reading, Session 3	40 minutes
☐ DAY 4: Reading, Session 4	45 minutes
☐ DAY 5: Mathematics, Session 1	25 minutes
☐ DAY 6: Mathematics, Session 2	40 minutes
☐ DAY 7: Mathematics, Session 3	40 minutes
☐ DAY 8: Mathematics, Session 4, Part A	15 minutes
Break	10 minutes
Mathematics, Session 4, Part B	20 minutes
Fill in the Student Assessment Report (back cover of the test book)	

^{*}ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL 5 TO 10 MINUTES FOR PREPARATION.

GRADES 6, 7, and 8

DA	Y/CONTENT AREA/SESSION	TESTING TIME
	Practice Activities	40 minutes
	Fill in the student information page (unless la	abels are used)
	DAY 1: Reading, Session 1	40 minute
	DAY 2: Reading, Session 2	40 minute
	DAY 3: Reading, Session 3	40 minute
	DAY 4: Reading, Session 4	45 minute
	DAY 5: Mathematics, Session 1	30 minute
	DAY 6: Mathematics, Session 2	35 minute
	DAY 7: Mathematics, Session 3	35 minute
	DAY 8: Mathematics, Session 4	35 minute
	DAY 9: Mathematics, Session 5, Part A	15 minute
	Break	10 minute
	Mathematics, Session 5, Part B	20 minute
	DAY 10: Language Arts	40 minute
	DAY 11: Writing, Session 1	30 minute
	DAY 12: Writing, Session 2	30 minute
	DAY 13: Science	40 minute
	DAY 14: Social Studies	45 minute
	Fill in the Student Assessment Report	
	(back cover of the test book)	

^{*}ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL 5 TO 10 MINUTES FOR PREPARATION.

GRADE 10

DAY/CONTENT AREA/SESSION	TESTING TIME*
☐ Fill in the student information page (unless lal	bels are used)
☐ DAY 1: Reading, Session 1	50 minutes
☐ DAY 2: Reading, Session 2	45 minutes
☐ DAY 3: Reading, Session 3	40 minutes
☐ DAY 4: Mathematics, Session 1	25 minutes
☐ DAY 5: Mathematics, Session 2	30 minutes
☐ DAY 6: Mathematics, Session 3	35 minutes
☐ DAY 7: Mathematics, Session 4	35 minutes
☐ DAY 8: Language Arts	30 minutes
☐ DAY 9: Writing	30 minutes
☐ DAY 10: Science, Session 1	40 minutes
☐ DAY 11: Science, Session 2	40 minutes
☐ DAY 12: Social Studies, Session 1	45 minutes
☐ DAY 13: Social Studies, Session 2	40 minutes
Fill in the Student Assessment Report (back cover of the test book)	

^{*}ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL 5 TO 10 MINUTES FOR PREPARATION.

Testing for each subject area session must be started and completed on the same day. To minimize security concerns, coordinate with the teachers in your school to schedule each session so that all students will take the same part of the test at the same time. **Tests have time limits that must be observed.**

The WKCE-CRT *Directions for Test Administration* provide all the information needed to administer the tests. These manuals include detailed, specific testing instructions. Directions should be followed exactly as they are presented in each manual.

Before Testing

Before testing begins, the SAC should make sure that:

- Each student's pre-ID labels, if used, are applied to the test book. If the information is not accurate, the labels should still be used. If there are no labels for a particular student, please complete the student bio page. (Refer to the *Directions for Test Administration* for instructions on how to complete this page.)
- Each student's pre-ID labels, if used, are affixed to the front and back covers of the test book. (See page 41 of this guide for an example of proper placement of the labels.)
- The testing area is void of any extraneous materials that may give away answers to test questions.
- Every student has his/her own test book and a **No. 2 pencil** with eraser. Students may **not** use pens. Information or answers in pen will not scan and will not be reported.
- Every student has Punch-Out Tools, scratch paper, and a handheld calculator (if calculators are being used) for the Mathematics test.

During Testing

During the administration of the test, the SAC should do the following:

- Monitor testing sessions and inform the DAC of daily progress.
- Check with teachers prior to testing each day to make sure they are fully prepared.
- Oversee, coordinate, and ensure test security.
- Make sure students are supervised during testing sessions.
- Facilitate the scheduling of makeup sessions to give every student the opportunity to participate in testing.

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After Testing

The best way to prepare the answer documents for scoring is to follow these steps and use the Checklist for School Assessment Coordinators on pages 38 and 39 of this guide.

- 1 Collect all test materials.
- 2 Sort the test materials for each grade into two groups. Place used test materials in the first group and unused test materials in the second group.
- B Do not return any of the following materials to CTB:
 - manipulatives
 - administration manuals
 - scratch paper
 - Braille/Large Print test books (Student responses must be transcribed into a regular test book.)
- Inventory the materials. Your count should match the original inventory. Make note of any discrepancies and report them to the DAC.
- 5 Review the test books to make sure that all information has been provided and all appropriate information has been filled in on the back cover of the test book, including a record of the individual student performance on the WSAS Alternate Assessments.
- Make sure **all** students are accounted for. Even if a student in grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 10 does not participate in any one of the WKCE-CRT assessments and/or Alternate Assessments, it will still be necessary to return a test book for that student. Be sure to attach student pre-ID labels, or fill in the student information page completely and accurately, for each student. Also verify that the Student Assessment Report (located on the back cover of the test book) has been filled in completely and accurately.

Note: According to federal and state laws, students who do not participate in a WKCE-CRT assessment (reading and language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) because of a disability or limited English proficiency must be assessed using WSAS Alternate Assessments: Pre-Requisite English or Alternate Assessment Pre-Requisite Skill. See *DPI Guidelines to Facilitate the Participation of Students with Special Needs in State Assessments* beginning on page 49 of this guide.

- 7 Student responses from all Braille and Large Print test books must be transcribed verbatim into a regular WKCE-CRT test book. Please refer to pages 7 and 8 of this guide for full instructions on transcribing Braille and Large Print test books.
- 8 Test books for students with disabilities who test outside of their district of residence (SwD OOD) no longer require special handling. First, what needs to be determined is whether an SwD OOD student's test book has **either**
 - a student label **or**
 - the correct district-of-residence number bubbled on the inside front cover (the student information page).

HELPFUL HINT: Use the grade-specific checklist (on pages 38 and 39) to help you process the test books. Next, the student's test book can be placed with the test books of the main population of students testing in your district.

To identify SwD OOD test books, check the student's pre-ID label or the student information page:

- On the student pre-ID label, a Q:#### will appear under the grade. The #### is the district number of the district of residence.
- If there is no label, check the student information page. On this page, under "For Special Status 'D' Students Residing OOD Only" (lower right), the NO should be bubbled in. If the NO is bubbled in, please make sure that the numbers for the District of Residence are also bubbled in.
- 9 Make sure all test books are free of bent corners, folds, clips, manipulatives, and staples.
- 10 Assemble and organize materials according to the checklists provided, and deliver them to your DAC no later than the next school day or by December 2, 2005, whichever is earlier.
- 11 Make sure that all data required on the School Header Sheet(s) and School/Group List are complete and correct and that the school principal or designee has signed the School Header Sheet(s). Make two photocopies (one for your school and one for the DAC) and send the originals to CTB/McGraw-Hill.
- 12 Keep the unused test materials in locked storage until the scorable test materials have been shipped from your office to the DAC's office. Then deliver the unused materials to the DAC.
- 13 Make sure that a student pre-ID label has been affixed to each student's test book or that the student information page is filled out completely and accurately. Also make sure that the Student Assessment Report (located on the back cover of the test book) has been filled out completely and accurately. Check test books to verify that student pre-ID labels have been placed on the front and back covers or that the student information pages have been completed.
- 14 Make sure that all nonvalid tests are marked clearly. Refer to the *Directions for Test Administration* for further explanation.
- 15 Check the back cover of each test book to ensure that individual student performance on WSAS Supplemental or Alternate Assessments has been recorded on the Student Assessment Report.
- 16 Make sure that the test materials are legible and free of extraneous marks. Make sure that answers, bio-grid information, and alternate assessment information are recorded in No. 2 pencil.

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Returning Materials to the DAC

Materials	The following materials will be needed to package and return the test books for scoring:
	$\hfill \Box$ Original School Header Sheet(s) (CTB/McGraw-Hill will not accept photocopies.)
	☐ School/Group List
	☐ Stack Cards for test books
	☐ Paper tape for binding stacks
	☐ Return-shipping labels
	☐ Marking pens
	\square Shipping boxes (saved from original receipt of materials)
Preparing the Paperwork	It is important that all paperwork be complete and accurate when test materials are received at CTB.
School Header Sheet	A sample of the School Header Sheet and the accompanying directions can be found on pages 45 and 46 of this guide.
School/Group List	A sample of the School/Group List and the accompanying directions can be found on pages 47 and 48 of this guide.
	Note: Please check the back cover of each test book to ensure that individual student performance on Alternate Assessments has been recorded.
	Note: SACs are encouraged to make two sets of photocopies of the School Header Sheet(s) and School/Group List to maintain a record of

test materials returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill. Original School Header

Packaging the Student Documents

The SAC is responsible for packaging test materials before delivery to the DAC. The DAC will then gather and ship all test materials to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring.

Test books must be sorted by grade and packaged separately beneath the Stack Cards provided by CTB. Before you begin packaging, make sure you have enough Stack Cards and shipping labels to return the test books.

Refer to the following steps when packaging test materials for return to the DAC office. Carefully adhering to these directions will help ensure that the test results will be accurate and returned on time.

STEP 1—Checking Test Books

Note: Make sure that no manipulatives have been left in the test books, as they will damage the scoring machine.

☐ Work with test books one grade at a time.

- ☐ Verify that the steps shown on pages 30 and 31 have been completed.
- ☐ Remember, a test book must be returned for **each enrolled student.**
- ☐ All unused test books are to be returned in the last box(es) of your shipment.
- ☐ Place the test books in stacks small enough to be banded by the paper tape provided by CTB.

STEP 2—Completing Information on Stack Cards

Complete the top left part of the Stack Card that you will place on top of each stack of **used test books** for this grade. Each Stack Card must have the following information filled in completely:

- Examiner
- School
- District
- State
- Grade
- # of Students (should be the same as the number of test books included in this stack)
- Bundle/Stack (e.g., 1 of 3)

Sample Stack Card

Complete the information below, and place this Stack Card on the top of each stack as you bind the used test books. The School Header Sheet goes beneath the first Stack Card. Examiner: School: District: State: Grade: # of Students: Bundle/Stack: of	Seal the carton and place the appropriate return label on the top of the carton. CTB Graw McGraw-Hill
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- \square Place a completed Stack Card on top of each stack of used test books.
- ☐ Band the Stack Card and test books as shown here. (Leave the first stack unbanded until the School Header Sheet is completed.)

STEP 3—Checking School Header Sheets

Note: Repeat steps 1–3 for the test books in each grade.

A School Header Sheet must be completed for each grade in the school.

- ☐ The School Header Sheet should be inserted beneath the first Stack Card.
- ☐ Band together the Stack Card, School Header Sheet, and the first stack of test books with the paper tape provided by CTB.

STEP 4—Packaging the Boxes

Place the stacks of test books in the original shipping boxes. The order, from top to bottom, for packaging the test books in the boxes is as follows: grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10.

If there is more than one stack for each grade, make sure that the stacks are placed in the box(es) consecutively. Make sure that the School Header Sheet has been inserted beneath Stack Card #1 for each grade.

Unused test books should be bundled separately with a Stack Card clearly marked "UNUSED" and returned with the used test materials.

STEP 5—Labeling Boxes

Remove any previous markings and labels from the boxes.

Print the name of the school on one side of the box. If the box is not completely full, fill the empty space with crumpled paper. **Do not use plastic or foam packaging "peanuts."**

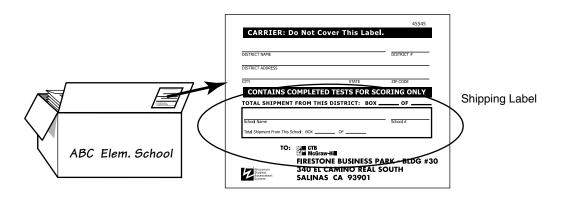
Unused test books should be placed in the last box(es) of the shipment.

Labels with "Contains Completed Tests for Scoring Only" should be placed on all boxes.

Fill in your school information on the shipping labels. Count the total number of boxes for the school (including boxes of unused test books), and transfer this information to the "Total Shipment From This School: BOX ___ OF ___" section on the label. (For example, if there are three boxes for this school, then the first label should say "BOX 1 OF 3.")

Make sure that you do **not** complete the "TOTAL SHIPMENT FROM THIS DISTRICT: BOX ____ OF ___" section on the label.

Make sure this label is applied to the top of the first box. The remaining labels should be applied in the order that the materials were packaged.

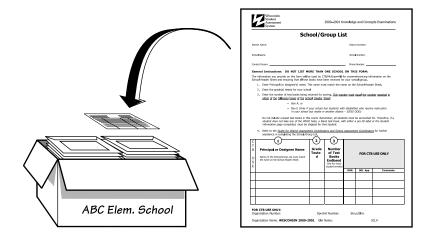


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STEP 6—Completing the School/Group List

Complete one School/Group List for your school, regardless of the number of grades tested. See page 48 of this guide for instructions on completing the form.

Place the completed School/Group List on top of the stacks in Box #1 of your school shipment. Place the copies of the Header Sheet(s) and School/Group List, which have been stapled together under the original School/Group List. (These copies are for the DAC.) Close the boxes, but **do not seal the boxes at this time.**



STEP 7—Returning Materials to the DAC

Return the boxes containing your school's test materials to your DAC. Boxes should **not** be sealed until your DAC has checked the packaging.

WKCE-CRT test materials to be scored by CTB/McGraw-Hill and used to report individual student performance on WSAS Alternate Assessments must be returned to your DAC within one day of completion of testing, or by December 12, 2005, whichever is earlier.

Special Instructions for Schools Receiving Materials Directly from CTB/McGraw-Hill and Returning Materials Directly to CTB for Scoring and Reporting

Applies to schools in thes	se districts:
Appleton	Milwaukee
Eau Claire	Oshkosh
Elmbrook	Racine
Green Bay	Sheboygan
Janesville	Stevens Point
Kenosha	Wausau
Madison	West Allis

- Test materials delivered to SACs will be the same as those listed on page 11 of this guide for DACs, except for Braille and Large Print test books.
- SACs complete an inventory of test materials and report shortages to CTB at (800) 282-2203 by October 21, 2005. Having your information organized before calling CTB will help representatives answer your questions.

- Distribute the *Student/Parent Pre-Test Brochure* to all students in grades 3 through 8 and 10.
- Please review Appendix A of this document.
- Make sure that you have accounted for all students in your school. If a student in grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 10 does not participate in any one of the WKCE-CRT assessments, or WSAS Supplemental Assessments or Alternate Assessments, it will still be necessary to return a test book for that student.
- All materials (used and unused) are to be returned to CTB/McGraw-
- Did you receive a School Header Sheet(s) from your DAC for each grade of test materials? Unsigned or incomplete School Header Sheets will not be accepted by CTB and may delay results for your entire district.
- Verify that the number of students shown on the Stack Cards for each grade totals the number of students enrolled at that grade as shown on the School Header Sheet for that grade.
- Verify that the School/Group List has been completed and that it has been placed on top of the stacks in Box #1. Be sure that a copy of the School/Group List and copies of the School Header Sheet(s) for each grade are sent directly to your DAC rather than returned to CTB. Seal all of the boxes with strong sealing tape.
- Fill in the district information on the shipping labels. Do **not** fill in the section "Total Shipment From This District." Are the shipping labels clearly numbered on the boxes, e.g., "Box 1 of 10," "Box 2 of 10," etc.?
- Are the stacks of unused test books banded with Stack Cards clearly marked "UNUSED"?
- Use CTB's online process to arrange for pickup of the test materials for scoring (http://programs.ctb.com/WKCE). You must contact CTB no later than the third school day after testing (including makeups) is completed in your school or by December 14, 2005, whichever is earlier. If no online access is available, call CTB's Wisconsin Help Desk at (800) 282-2203. The deadline for CTB to pick up answer documents is no later than December 16, 2005.
- Late delivery of test materials by any school will jeopardize delivery of score reports. The Department of Public Instruction and CTB will monitor compliance.

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AFTER TESTING

Checklist for School Assessment Coordinators

		adline for delivering test materials to your DAC is within one day of completion of testing or 2, 2005, whichever is earlier.
1.		st materials: 1. Used test books to be returned to CTB for scoring WKCE-CRT and reporting individual student performance on WSAS Alternate Assessments 2. Unused test books DITEST BOOKS TO BE RETURNED TO CTB FOR SCORING
٠.		Remove any manipulatives from test books.
		Make sure you have accounted for all students in your school. If a student in grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 10 does not participate in any one of the WKCE-CRT assessments or WSAS Alternate Assessments, it will still be necessary to return a test book for that student. Make sure that a student pre-ID label has been affixed to each student's test book or that the student information page (located on the inside front cover of the test book) is filled out completely and accurately. Also make sure that the Student Assessment Report (located on the back cover of the test book) has been filled out completely and accurately.
		Note: The student pre-ID label overrides any information bubbled in on the student information page (with the exception of the "optional field" information). Use the label whether the student information is correct or not. Incorrect student label information will be corrected later in the scoring process.
		Work with test books one grade at a time.
		Place the test books in stacks small enough to be banded by the paper tape provided by CTB.
	Test	Book Stack Cards
		Complete the information on enough Stack Cards to cover each stack of test books.
		Place a Stack Card on top of each stack of test books, and bind with the paper tape. (Leave the first stack unbanded until the School Header Sheet has been completed.)
		Count the total number of used test book stacks. Transfer this information onto each Stack Card on the "Bundle/Stack of" line. (For example, the first Stack Card would say "1 of 3," the second Stack Card would say "2 of 3," etc.)
	Scho	ool Header Sheet
		Complete the additional information required on the School Header Sheet for each grade.
		Note: Each School Header Sheet comes preprinted with the school name/number. Complete the missing information on one of the sheets. The second sheet is extra and should be used only when necessary.
		Have the principal (or designee) sign and date the School Header Sheets(s) for each grade. Make two photocopies. Keep a photocopy and place the second copy in the top of the first box of your shipment.
		Place the original completed School Header Sheet for each grade beneath the first Stack Card for that grade, on top of the test books in the first stack. Bind the first Stack Card, School Header Sheet, and test books.

	Enter the information from a copy of the School Header Sheet for this grade into the School/Group List. Verify that the number of test books for the grade matches the number of students enrolled.
	Staple a copy of the School Header Sheet for each grade with a copy of the School/Group List. Place them at the top of the first box of your shipment under the original School/Group List. (These copies are for your DAC's use.)
REP	EAT THE ABOVE STEPS FOR USED TEST BOOKS FOR EACH GRADE IN THE SCHOOL
	aging the Boxes
	Place the test books bound with the Stack Cards into shipping boxes. The order, from top to bottom, for packaging the boxes is as follows: grade 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and then 10.
	Note: If there is more than one stack for a particular grade in a school, make sure that the stacks are placed in the box consecutively, with Stack Card #1 as the top Stack Card .
	Make sure that Stack Card #1 (bound with the School Header Sheet and the test books) is the top Stack Card for each grade.
	Stack and bind the unused test books with Stack Cards clearly marked "UNUSED."
	Unused text books should be placed in the last box(es) of the shipment.
DO N	IOT SEAL THE BOXES YET.
	Remove any previous markings and labels from the shipping boxes.
	Print the name of the school on one side of each box.
Scho	ool/Group List
	Complete the School/Group List. (Only one form is needed for your school, regardless of the number of grades tested.)
	Make two photocopies of the School/Group List. Retain one copy for your school.
	Staple together the copy of the School/Group List and the copies of the School Header Sheets for each grade.
	Place the completed original School/Group List in the first box on top of the stacks. Stapled copies of the School Header Sheets for each grade and the School/Group List should be placed under the original School Group List in the first box.
Retu	rn-Shipping Labels
	Count the number of shipping boxes you have filled with test books. Transfer this information onto the return-shipping labels by filling in the "Total Shipment From This School:" section (e.g., "Box 1 of 3"). Do this for each box being shipped.
	Complete the School Information section only on all the shipping labels.
	Apply a shipping label to the top of the first box for your school. Apply the remaining labels to the rest of the boxes, making sure to apply them in the same order in which the materials were packaged.
DO N	IOT SEAL THE BOXES UNTIL YOUR DAC HAS CHECKED THE PACKAGING.
	Deliver the boxes to your DAC within one day of testing, or by December 2, 2005, whichever is earlier.
<u>UNU</u>	SED TEST BOOKS

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All unused test books must be returned to CTB.

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Data Collection and Reporting Forms

Purpose

Accurate and efficient collection of student data is essential for the production of correct reports. These data are needed to make sure that individual student scores and school and district aggregate and disaggregate scores are reported accurately and meet the accountability provisions under state and federal laws.

Pre-ID barcode labels containing student demographics will be provided to all Wisconsin public school districts. Data contained on these labels will come from the WSLS and ISES databases maintained at the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). See your district WSLS/ISES administrator to make sure that district updates have been made to these databases.

Other forms required for data collection for the WKCE-CRT include the following:

- Student information page (used only if the pre-ID barcode label is not available)
- School Header Sheet
- School/Group List

Electronic Student Data

An electronic student data file based on WSLS and ISES will be sent by DPI to CTB. Electronically collecting student demographic information allows CTB/McGraw-Hill to provide your district with pre-ID labels for your students. This eliminates the need for hand-coding student data at the time of testing. The student pre-ID labels must be affixed to the front cover of the students' test books, as shown on the next page.

Student Information Page (inside front cover of the WKCE-CRT test book)

When a student pre-ID label is not available, the student information page, located on the inside front cover of the WKCE-CRT test book, must be completed for every student in the district. All data on this information page must be completed accurately. A sample of the student information page can be found on page 42 of this guide. For instructions on completing the student information page, refer to the *Directions for Test Administration*.

Student Assessment Report (back cover of the WKCE-CRT test book) The Student Assessment Report, on the back cover of the test book, must be completed for all students following WKCE-CRT testing whether or not the student has a pre-ID label. Before beginning, verify that the student or school/district staff has placed a pre-ID text label or printed the student's name in the space provided on the front and back covers of the test book. For protocols and rubrics to be used for Alternate Assessments, refer to the following websites:

ELL Alternate Assessment: http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/ells.html

School Header Sheet

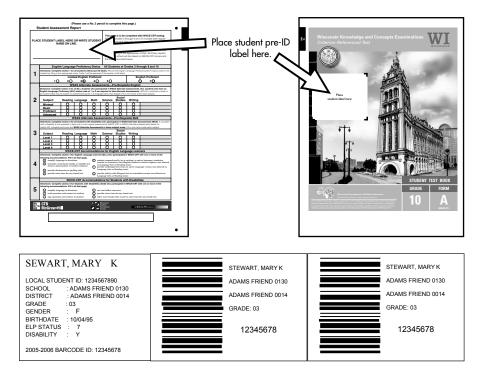
The information provided on the School Header Sheet is used to produce reports about your school and district. For each grade tested in each school, a separate header sheet must be completed. All information entered must be complete and correct. The information you enter on this header sheet will be reflected in the aggregated and disaggregated scores for your school and district. A sample of this sheet and instructions on how to complete it can be found on pages 45 and 46 of this guide.

School/Group List

The information you provide on the School/Group List is used by CTB/McGraw-Hill for program operation and for cross-referencing information on the School Header Sheet(s) and the number of student test books included in each shipment. A sample of the School/Group List and instructions on how to complete it can be found on pages 47 and 48 of this guide.

Note: DACs are encouraged to collect photocopies from schools or make photocopies themselves of both School Header Sheets and School/Group Lists to maintain a record of test materials returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill. **Originals must be returned to CTB.**

Student Pre-ID Labels



SPECIAL STATUS CODES:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 =English proficiency status

Sample of Student Information Page

(Please use a No. 2 pencil to complete this page.)

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The data on this form are required for all students $\underline{enrolled}$, including students tested and students not tested. This information will be used to produce summary reports about your school.

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Instructions for Completing the Student Assessment Report

Fill in the Student Assessment Report (back cover) The Student Assessment Report, on the back cover of the test book, must be completed for all students following WKCE-CRT testing, whether or not the student has a pre-ID label. Before beginning, verify that the student or school/district staff has filled in the "Name," "School," and "District" on the back cover of the test book. For protocols and rubrics to be used for Alternate Assessments, access the following websites: http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/ells.html and http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi//dlsea/een/assmt-waa.html.

To be provided by school or district personnel with access to the relevant student records after completion of testing:

- In Section 1, fill in the circle that indicates the student's English Language Proficiency (ELP) status code **only if there is not a student pre-ID label affixed to the front cover of the test book.** If there is a student pre-ID label affixed to the front cover, leave Section 1 blank. A DPI-approved assessment instrument must be used to determine the appropriate code (1–5) if the student is categorized as an English Language Learner (ELL). Code 6 is "Formerly ELL/Now Fully English Proficient." Code 7 is "Never ELL/Fully English Proficient." Code 7 will be assumed if this section is left blank and there is no label. Access this website http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/ells.html for descriptions associated with each code.
- 2 WSAS Alternate Assessments—Pre-Requisite English (Section 2)
 In Section 2, fill in the appropriate circle or circles only if the student is an ELL student and participated in WSAS Alternate Assessments. If an ELL student has an English Language Proficiency (ELP) status code of 1 or 2, that student must participate in all WSAS Alternate Assessments; fill in the appropriate circle under each of the subject areas listed. If an ELL student has an English Language Proficiency status code of 3, 4, or 5, that student must participate in all regular WKCE-CRT assessments, but may also participate in Alternate Assessments in the same subject areas; fill in the appropriate circle only for those subject areas assessed through Alternate Assessments. ELL students at level 1 or 2 who choose to take the WKCE-CRT and all ELL students at level 3 or higher will have only WKCE-CRT results included in summary reports.
- WSAS Alternate Assessments—Pre-Requisite Skill (Section 3)
 In Section 3, fill in the appropriate circle or circles only if the student is a student with a disability who is not expected to take one or more regular assessments based on the student's IEP and the student participated in WSAS Alternate Assessments (WAA). If a student with a disability took a WSAS regular assessment in a subject area, leave the circles under that subject area blank.

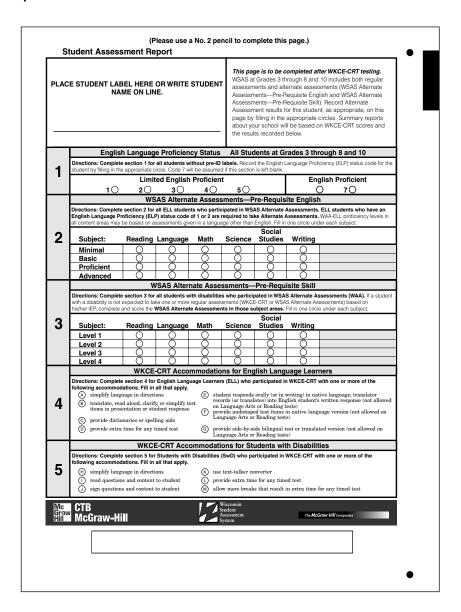
4 WKCE-CRT Accommodations for English Language Learners (Section 4)

Complete Section 4 for English Language Learners who participate in WKCE-CRT with one of the accommodations (A–G) listed in this section. Fill in all that apply.

5 WKCE-CRT Accommodations for Students with Disabilities (Section 5)

Complete Section 5 for Students with Disabilities who participate in WKCE-CRT with one of the accommodations (H–M) listed in this section. Fill in all that apply.

Sample of Student Assessment Report



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School Header Sheet Directions

The directions below are provided on the back of the School Header Sheet.

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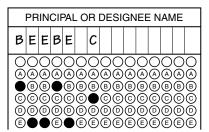
The information provided on this School Header Sheet will be used to produce reports about your school. For each grade tested, complete a separate Header Sheet. All information entered must be complete and correct for each Header Sheet.

Please complete all the boxes on the School Header Sheet according to the following instructions. Then place the completed Header Sheet with the appropriate group of grade-level test materials, packaging each group separately

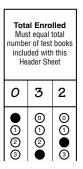
NOTE: District and school names and numbers have been preprinted and precoded consistent with information provided by District Administrators to DPI through the PI-1280 (Public School Update). If you have any questions or concerns about this information, call the Center for Education Statistics help line at (608) 267-3166.

DIRECTIONS:

- Use a lead pencil, print clearly, and fill in the appropriate circles completely. In filling numbered circles, all numbers must be right-justified. Do not leave any boxes blank. For example, if your school has 32 students enrolled in Grade 4, enter 032.
- In the PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE NAME box, print his/her last name, skip one square, and print his/her first initial. Print only one letter in each box. Fill in the appropriate circle below each letter.



- In the GRADE box, fill in the appropriate circle to indicate the grade tested. The documents that follow this School Header Sheet must be for this grade.
- 4. In the box labeled "Total Enrolled," fill in the number of students currently enrolled in your school in this grade. This number will be identical to the total enrollment reported to DPI for the 3rd Friday of September for this grade, unless students moved between schools after the 3rd Friday of September and before the testing window. Count all students in this grade who are attending your school during the testing window, including English Language Learner (ELL) students; students with disabilities (SwD), regardless of where they reside; students who have been excused from testing by their parents or guardians;



and students who were absent on test days and did not take makeup tests. Count students in multi-age classrooms or who are considered ungraded as being enrolled in the grade that students of the same age would be assigned to if the school applied a traditional grade structure.

NOTE: The number in this box must be identical to the number of test books included with this Header Sheet. Count the test books to ensure that a test book is submitted for every student enrolled, including students tested and students not tested. Verify that each test book has either the student information page completed or the Pre-ID label affixed to the front and back covers.

5. In the box labeled "Lowest Grade in This School Last Year," fill in the lowest grade in the grade range of the school for the prior school year. This number would be expected to match the lowest grade in the range reported for Public School Update purposes for that prior year. If this school is considered a new school for this year's Public School Update purposes, leave this box blank.

IMPORTANT: When the lowest grade in a school last year is the grade level of testing, then school results will be disaggregated for students at the school who have been enrolled in the district for a full academic year. Otherwise, school results will be disaggregated for students in the school for a full academic year.

6. In the CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATION area near the top of the form, the School Principal or Designee must enter the test dates and his/her telephone number. The School Header Sheet must be signed and dated by the School Principal or Designee before it is returned to the District Assessment Coordinator. Unsigned or incomplete School Header Sheets will delay the return of your test results.

Make a copy of the completed School Header Sheet for your records, and return the **original** with your documents.

 Questions? Refer to "Packaging the Student Documents" in your Guide for District Assessment Coordinators and School Assessment Coordinators for more detailed instructions.



2005-2006 Knowledge and Concepts Examinations

School/Group List

District Name:	District Number:
School Name:	School Number:
Contact Person:	Phone Number:

General Instructions: DO NOT LIST MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL ON THIS FORM.

The information you provide on this form will be used by CTB/McGraw-Hill for cross-referencing information on the School Header Sheet and ensuring that all test books have been received for your school/group.

- 1. Enter Principal (or designee's) name. This name must match the name on the School Header Sheet.
- 2. Enter the grade(s) tested for your school.
- 3. Enter the number of test books being returned for scoring. This number must equal the number reported in the box entitled "Total Enrolled" on the School Header Sheet.

Do not include unused test books in this count. Remember, all students must be accounted for. Therefore, if a student does not take any of the WKCE tests, a blank test book, with either a preprinted student label or the Student Information Page completed, must be shipped for that student.

4. Refer to the *Guide for District Assessment Coordinators and School Assessment Coordinators* for further assistance in completing the School/Group List.

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School/Group List Directions

Note to the District Assessment Coordinator: The School/Group List must have a separate entry for every School Header Sheet received from the School Assessment Coordinator. Check to see that the School/Group List has been completed according to the following directions.

Student test books should be grouped by grade for each grade in the school. A School/Group List must be filled out and placed on top of the stacks in the first box of your school shipment.

On the School/Group List, an entry must be completed for each grade tested in the school. If only one grade in the school is tested, only one line should be completed on the School/Group List. Do not list more than one school on the School/Group List. (See the sample School/Group List on the previous page.)

Directions for completing the form are as follows:

- 1 **District Name, District Number, School Name,** and **School Number.** This part will be preprinted. Make sure that the information is accurate.
- 2 Contact Person. Enter the name and Phone Number. This person must be available to answer any questions and resolve all discrepancies.
- 3 **Principal or Designee Name.** Write in the name of the School Principal or Designee.
- 4 **Grade Tested.** Write the grade levels tested as entered on the School Header Sheet(s). There may be more than one grade tested in this school. Consequently, there will be more than one School Header Sheet for the school. Each grade tested will have a separate School Header Sheet. For example, if a school tested students in grades 4 and 8, the column will have one line entered for grade 4 and another for grade 8.
- 5 Number of Test Books Enclosed. Provide a separate entry for the number of test books for each grade tested that are included in this shipment. The number of test books enclosed must equal the number reported in "Total Enrolled" in the School Header Sheet for each grade.

A test book must be submitted for each student enrolled, regardless of whether that student was tested or not. Please see "Packaging the Student Documents" on page 33 of this guide for instructions on how to prepare your test books for shipment to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring.

Note: DACs are encouraged to collect photocopies from schools or make photocopies themselves of both School Header Sheets and School/Group Lists to maintain a record of test materials returned to CTB/McGraw-Hill. **Originals must be returned to CTB.**

DPI Guidelines to Facilitate the Participation of Students with Special Needs in State Assessments

Introduction

Wisconsin has published academic content, performance, and proficiency standards for **all** students in the state. The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 requires states to administer high-quality student assessments that are aligned with the state's academic standards and provide coherent information about students' attainment of such standards. Wisconsin's academic standards are for all students, including students with special needs (i.e., students with limited English proficiency under Wis. Stats. s.115.955(7) and Title III of NCLB, students with disabilities under Subchapter V of Wis. Stats. 115 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and students covered by Sec. 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973). Students with special needs must be given the same opportunity to acquire and **demonstrate** their academic performance as students without special needs.

In the state of Wisconsin, one way that students demonstrate their progress toward achieving the academic standards in reading, mathematics, language arts, social studies, and science is through participation in the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS). At present the WSAS includes both regular assessments taken by nearly all students and alternate assessments taken by certain students with limited English proficiency or disabilities. WSAS regular assessments include the statewide standardized testing program: the *Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations—Criterion Referenced Test* (WKCE-CRT) at grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10. WSAS alternate assessments are alternatives to WSAS regular assessments and consist of DPI-approved protocols and rubrics for the local collection and local scoring of student work.

The purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for facilitating the participation of students with special needs in WSAS regular assessments (WKCE-CRT). As such, this document is intended to update and replace previously published DPI guidelines regarding the participation of students with special needs in the WSAS. Although the rationale for participating in WSAS regular assessments is the same for all students with special needs, there are different laws that affect participation decisions for each group. Thus, considerations for each student group are presented separately in the following order:

- students with limited English proficiency,
- students with disabilities under the IDEA, and then
- students receiving accommodations under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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English Language Learner (ELL) Students

NCLB requires that state assessments allow for "the inclusion of limited English proficient students who shall be assessed, to the extent practicable, in the language and form most likely to yield accurate and reliable information on what such students know and can do, to determine such students' mastery of skill in subjects other than English" (Part A, subpart 1, sec. 1111 (b) (3) (C) (ix) (III)). English language learners (ELL)¹ are expected to participate in WSAS regular assessments as soon as they achieve an English proficiency level that allows them to demonstrate their knowledge and skills on these tests. The translation of WSAS regular assessments into all of the languages spoken by ELL students in Wisconsin is not possible. Thus, WSAS alternate assessments² offer the best-practices solution for full inclusion of ELL students at early English proficiency levels. To be used for state accountability purposes, the NCLB requires that alternate assessments be aligned with state academic standards.

Decisions regarding participation in WSAS alternate assessments for individual ELL students must be consistent with the federal NCLB legislation and specifically based on Chapter PI 13 Wisconsin Administrative Code. Based on students' results on the English language proficiency test, students may

- participate in WSAS regular assessments, with or without accommodations. (Accommodations are changes in the administration or format of the test that do not alter the test content or the intent of the test. Decisions about accommodations are made content area by content area.) ELL students at levels 3–5 on the English language proficiency test must take the WKCE-CRT, with accommodations as needed.
- participate in WSAS alternative assessments. ELL students at levels 1–2 on the English language proficiency test must take the WSAS Alternate Assessment for ELL Students. These students may also take the WKCE-CRT if deemed "valid and reliable." Note that if the WKCE-CRT is taken, WKCE-CRT scores are the scores used for accountability.

It is important to note that, when WSAS regular assessment results at grades 3–8 and 10 are reported to the public, proficiency data will also be reported for students participating in alternate assessments. All students not taking any regular WSAS content area test are expected to participate in an alternate assessment in that content area. For local educators to determine which of the above options is most appropriate for each ELL student, a thorough, individualized **English language proficiency assessment** must first be conducted by qualified school staff. (See Chapter

¹ "Students with limited English proficiency" (LEP) are sometimes called "English Language Learners" (ELL). These two terms have the same meaning.

² DPI has developed an alternate assessment system to assist local schools in conducting ongoing, standards-based assessments of students with limited English proficiency. Information about conducting WSAS alternate assessments is available at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/ells.html.

PI 13, Wis. Admin. Code.) This assessment should include reading, writing, speaking, and listening. School boards must determine a student's English proficiency status code or level through the use of a DPI-approved English proficiency assessment instrument. The scores of this assessment determine the level of English language proficiency. (See Attachment B for the levels of English proficiency.)

Based on Chapter PI 13, Wis. Admin. Code, all ELL students **are eligible to participate** in both regular and alternate WSAS assessments. If a student's English proficiency level is 1 or 2, that student is required to participate in WSAS alternate assessments. ELL students at English proficiency level 3 or higher are required to participate in all WSAS regular assessments, with appropriate and allowable accommodations, if necessary. (See Attachment A for examples of appropriate accommodations for ELL students.)

According to NCLB, Part A, subpart 1, sec. 1111 (b) (3) (C) (x), students at English proficiency level 1 or 2 who have attended school in the United States for three or more consecutive school years are expected to participate in WSAS regular assessments (using tests written in English) of reading/language arts. School years are counted beginning with first grade. If a district determines on a case-by-case basis that alternate assessments would likely yield more accurate and reliable information on what a student knows and can do, then an ELL student at English proficiency level 1 or 2 may be excluded from WSAS regular assessments in reading/language arts for a period that does not exceed two additional years.

Students who reach "full English proficiency" (English proficiency status code/level 6) are required to participate in all regular WSAS assessments. They may not receive accommodations because a need for accommodations contradicts the definition of "fully English proficient."

Additional Assessment Considerations for ELL Students The following assessment considerations reflect Chapter PI 13 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, which refers specifically to WSAS assessments administered to students with limited English proficiency in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and tenth grades. Results of WSAS regular or alternate assessments may not be used as the sole criterion in exiting students from a bilingual-bicultural/English as a Second Language program or in determining grade promotion, eligibility for courses or programs, eligibility for graduation, or eligibility for participation in post-secondary education opportunities such as the options listed under s. 118.55, Wis. Stats.

At least 30 days before the administration of any WSAS assessment, for students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, or 10, the school board must notify the parent of any ELL student regarding the student's inclusion in the WSAS regular assessments or WSAS alternate assessments. The notice must be provided in English, the parent's native language, or by any other necessary means to convey the criteria used in determining how the student will participate in WSAS and how the results of the WSAS assessments will be used. Results of the WSAS regular assessment, alternate assessments, or both must be provided to the ELL student's

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parent. These results must be provided in English, the parent's native language, or by any other means necessary so that parents understand the results of their child's assessment.

Students with Disabilities as Defined Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) The 2004 reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and s.115.77, Wis. Stats. require participation of students with disabilities in state and districtwide assessments. Specifically, the IDEA stipulates, "All children with disabilities are included in all general State and districtwide assessment programs, including assessments described under section 1111 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, with appropriate accommodations and alternate assessments where necessary and as indicated in their respective individualized education programs." In addition, the IDEA and s.115.787, Wis. Stats. require that alternate assessments be provided to children with disabilities when the IEP team determines that participation in standard state assessment is inappropriate for the child. Several state and national reviews concerning alternate assessment suggest that approximately 10 to 20% of students with disabilities, or 1 to 2% of the total student population, will be assessed via an alternate assessment.

All questions regarding the participation of a student with disabilities in WSAS regular assessments must be addressed by the student's IEP team, which includes the parent as an equal participant. State and federal special education laws require that a student's IEP include "a statement of any individual appropriate accommodations that are necessary to measure the academic achievement and functional performance of the child on State and districtwide assessments consistent with section 612(a)(16)(A); and if the IEP Team determines that the child shall take an alternate assessment on a particular State or districtwide assessment of student achievement, a statement of why the child cannot participate in the regular assessment; and the particular alternate assessment selected is appropriate for the child" (IDEA, Title I, Part A, sec. 614 (A)). To make these determinations, the IEP team must be knowledgeable about the child's present level of educational performance and measurable annual goals, the general curriculum, the format and content of the state or district test, and the alignment between the curriculum and the academic content standards assessed by the state or districtwide assessment system.

Participation in WSAS regular assessments for students with disabilities is not an all-or-nothing decision. Instead, there are multiple alternatives for facilitating the participation of a student with a disability. These alternatives reflect three broad options:

- 1. participation in WSAS regular assessments without accommodations;
- 2. participation in WSAS regular assessments with accommodations, i.e., changes in the administration or format of the test that do not alter the test content or intent of the test (see Attachment A); or
- 3. participation in WSAS Alternate Assessments (WAA).3

^{3 &}quot;WSAS Alternate Assessment" is sometimes called "Wisconsin Alternate Assessment," or WAA.

For grades 3–8 and 10 these options may be used exclusively or in combination depending on the individual needs of the student. That is, separate decisions regarding the need for accommodations or alternate assessment must be made for each content domain included in the WSAS regular assessments. For example, most students with disabilities will not require any accommodations to participate in WSAS regular assessments. Other students with disabilities, however, may need accommodations for some of the content domainse.g., mathematics, reading, language arts, science, or social studies—but not for others. Still other students may need accommodations for some content domains covered by regular assessments and alternate assessment for one or more content domains. Finally, there will be a limited number of students with disabilities for whom participation in any regular assessment will not be appropriate, and the performance of these students will be assessed through an alternate assessment only. It is important to note that when WSAS regular assessment results are reported to the public, proficiency data will also be reported for students participating in alternate assessment. All students not taking any regular WSAS content area test are expected to participate in WSAS Alternate Assessment (WAA) in that content area.

The IEP team decision regarding student participation in WSAS regular assessments must be made on an individual basis. The IEP team uses the WSAS Alternate Assessment (WAA) Participation Checklist to make this decision. Use of the checklist requires a **thorough** review of child-specific data to assess the student's current educational performance relative to the academic performance standards for **all** students. To make appropriate decisions regarding the student's need for accommodation and/or alternate assessment, the IEP team should consider the following:

- 1. Begin with the assumption that all students with disabilities will participate in all WSAS regular assessments.
- 2. Assess need for accommodation and/or alternate assessment based on the student's present level of educational performance, IEP goals, and the content and format of the WKCE-CRT. Assessment of need for accommodation should be conducted independently for each content domain. Use the WSAS Alternate Assessment (WAA) Participation Checklist for this decision. This checklist is available on the Special Education Team's website: http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsea/een/doc/bul02-03at1.doc.
- 3. Consider the accommodations that the child receives on classroom assessments as possible accommodations for the WSAS regular assessments. Select accommodations that do not invalidate the test, i.e., change the skills or content tested. If the necessary accommodations would invalidate the test, the student's knowledge and skills should be assessed through alternate assessment. For example, an accommodation that included reading passages and/or items aloud to students would not be an acceptable accommodation if the purpose of the assessment is to measure reading skills. Thus, a student who would require this accommodation should participate in WSAS alternate assessment in lieu of the reading test of the WKCE-CRT.

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4. Allow for WSAS Alternate Assessment (WAA) only if a student would not be able to demonstrate some of the knowledge and skills on the WSAS regular assessment with appropriate accommodations.

Based on the thorough review of the student's current educational performance relative to the academic standards, the IEP team determines how a child with a disability will participate in the WSAS regular assessment (WKCE-CRT). For those students who are identified as needing accommodations, the IEP team must specify which accommodations are necessary for the child to participate in the regular assessment. Examples of accommodations that would not compromise the validity of the WKCE-CRT for students with disabilities are included in Attachment A.

The IEP team may determine that, even with accommodations, a child with a disability would be unable to demonstrate at least some of the knowledge and skills tested through the standardized assessment and, as a result, the student's performance will be assessed through WSAS alternate assessment (WAA). The results of the WSAS alternate assessment must be documented on the back of the WKCE-CRT test book and submitted to the WKCE-CRT testing contractor with the WKCE-CRT testing materials. Additional information regarding the DPI's position on alternate assessment for children with disabilities under the IDEA can be found in several DPI Bulletins at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsea/een/bulindex.html.

Students Covered by Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act

Under Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, no student with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, or with a record of such an impairment, or who is regarded as having such an impairment, shall solely by reason of this impairment "be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Although all students with disabilities under IDEA/s.115.76 also meet the criteria for protection under Sec. 504, there are a **limited** number of students who are not considered students with disabilities under IDEA/s.115.76 but who do meet the criteria for protection under Sec. 504. Examples of these situations include students with health conditions (e.g., diabetes, asthma) or mobility impairments (e.g., paraplegia) who have an impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities but who are determined not to need special education services in accordance with IDEA. Students qualifying only under Sec. 504 criteria are entitled to accommodations and services necessary to benefit from all educational activities available to other students, including state (and district) assessment activities. For these students, appropriate accommodations and services must be documented in an Individualized Accommodation Plan (IAP), including any accommodations necessary for participation in assessment activities.

The individuals responsible for developing a student's IAP are responsible for specifying accommodations necessary for participation in state assessments. Students receiving accommodations under Sec. 504 are eligible for the same range of accommodations as students with disabilities

under IDEA/s.115.76 or students with limited English proficiency. (See Attachment A for examples of accommodations.)

According to state law, WSAS regular assessments (WKCE-CRT) must be administered to all students enrolled in the grade. State laws provide for two exceptions to this requirement: certain students with disabilities under IDEA/s.115.76, Stats., and certain students with limited English proficiency under NCLB/s.115.955(7), Stats. At grades 4, 8, and 10, state law provides for an additional exception: students who are excused by their parents or guardians.

It is recognized, however, that it may not be possible to administer regular WSAS assessments to an extremely small number of students protected by Sec. 504 or other students not described by these exceptions. According to the Office of Civil Rights, circumstances warranting a decision not to test a "Sec. 504–only" student would be extremely rare. One example of such a situation might be a student suffering from acute emotional disturbance such as one caused by recent trauma. The IAP team may reasonably conclude that participation in regular WSAS assessments during the respective testing window would be damaging to the student.

The Office of Civil Rights also has advised that it is highly unlikely that a school or district could justify not testing a "Sec. 504–only" student unless the parent agrees that his/her child should not be tested. Under Wisconsin law, parents have the right to excuse their children from the regular WSAS assessments at grades 4, 8, and 10, but not other grades. If the affected student is excused by his/her parent or guardian from regular WSAS assessments at grades 4, 8, and 10, the student should be coded as "excused by parent or guardian."

District and school coding of "Sec. 504–only" students who are **not** expected to participate in WSAS regular assessments should be as follows:

• For the WKCE-CRT at grades 4, 8, and 10, use the Testing Status code "P" if the student was excused by a parent or guardian, or "F" if the student was not tested due to the IAP team decision.

"Sec. 504—only" students who are not expected to be tested on regular WSAS assessments at grades 4, 8, and 10 (Testing Status "P" or "F") are not required to take alternate assessments.

For more information about assessment and students with disabilities, you may want to read *Educational Assessment and Accountability for All Students: Facilitating the Meaningful Participation of Students with Disabilities in District and Statewide Assessment Programs*. This book is about the assessment and inclusion of all students in state and district assessment programs. In particular, it focuses on tactics for including students with disabilities in assessments to achieve a more complete picture of student learning and educational accountability. Copies are available through the **DPI Publications Sales Office (800-243-8782).**

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Attachment A

Examples of Test
Accommodations for
Students with
Disabilities (SwD) and
English Language Learner
(ELL) Students

There are two types of skills students need in order to do well on a test: target skills and access skills. Target skills are the skills the test was designed to measure. Accommodations **cannot** assist students with target skills. However, accommodations may assist students with access skills such as understanding test formats and how answers need to be provided to the test questions. Although no modification may be made to the content of a test itself (affecting the target skills), some accommodations that do not affect the intent of the test can be made to the procedures in administering the assessments as well as the manner in which students respond to the assessments (access skills). Examples of accommodations that would not compromise the validity of the WSAS assessments are listed on the following pages.

2005–06 WKCE-CRT ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Assessment Guidelines and Accommodations	stnabut2 IIA	Students with Disabilities/504	English Language Learners
I. Assistance Prior to Administering the test			
1. Teach test-taking skills.	•	•	•
2. Administer practice activities.	•	•	•
II. Motivational			
1. Provide treats, snacks, or prizes, as appropriate.	•	•	•
2. Provide verbal encouragement of student's efforts.	•	•	•
3. Encourage student who may be slow at starting to begin.	•	•	•
4. Encourage student who may want to quit to sustain effort longer.	•	•	•
5. Encourage student to remain on task.	•	•	•
III. Presentation/Test Directions and Content			
1. Use visual magnification devices.	•	•	•
2. Use a large-print edition of the test.		•	•
3. Use audio amplification devices.	•	•	•
4. Use markers to maintain place.	•	•	•
5. Allow students to mark with pencil as they read test content.****	•	•	•
6. Read directions aloud.	•	•	•
7. Use a tape recording of directions.	•	•	•
8. Use directions that have been marked with pencil by teacher and student.		•	•
9. Reread directions for each subtask as needed.	•	•	•

English Language Learners	•	•	•		•	•			•			•	•	•	•	•
Students with 402/2914	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
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Assessment Guidelines and Accommodations	10. Simplify language in directions.*	11. Have student reread and restate directions in his/her own words.	12. Use sign language or oral interpreters for directions and sample items.	13. Turn pages for the student.	14. Provide spelling assistance, where appropriate. (Not allowed for English Language Arts or Reading test)	15. Use directions that have been marked with highlighting by teacher and student.**	16. Provide Braille or large-print editions of the test.	17. Provide a copy of diagram/tables needed for tasks so that student does not have to flip back and forth in test book.	18. Read questions and content to student.* (Not allowed on Reading test)	19. Sign questions and content to student.*	20. Use Text-Talker converter.*	21. Provide the assistance of a qualified translator to read or translate test items in content areas (orally or in writing).* (Not allowed on English Language Arts or Reading test)	22. Read questions and content aloud in simplified English, in English as written, or in the native language. (Not allowed on English Language Arts or Reading test)	23. Provide spelling assistance, such as spelling dictionaries and spell/grammar checkers. Provide bilingual word lists, customized dictionaries (word-to-word translations), and glossaries.* (Not allowed on English Language Arts or Reading test)	24. Explain/clarify directions in native language or English. Provide both oral and written directions in either native language or English, including audiotaped directions. (Not allowed on English Language Arts or Reading test)	25. Provide audio recording of test items in English that is simplified English for words not related to content. (Not allowed on English Language Arts or Reading test)

Assessment Guidelines and Accommodations	stnabut2 IIA	Students with 402/204	English Language Learners
V. Response			
. Allow students in grades 3 and 4 with an IEP or 504 Plan to use a calculator on all sections except the sections measuring computation skills.		•	•
. Mark responses on large-print answer document.		•	•
. For selected-response items, indicate responses to a scribe.	•	•	•
. Record responses on audiotape. (Not allowed for Writing test)	•	•	•
. For selected-response items, use sign language to indicate response.	•	•	•
. Use template to maintain place for responding.	•	•	•
. Use graph paper to align work.	•	•	•
. For constructed-response items, indicate responses to a scribe, except for Writing test.	•	•	•
. Use pencils adapted in size or grip.	•	•	•
0. Use speech synthesizer or electronic reader.		•	
1. Use computer or word processor for recording responses; then transcribe into the test book.		•	•
2. Use Braille writer for recording responses.		•	
3. Use communications device to indicate responses.		•	
4. Use lined or grid paper for recording answers when only blank space is provided.		•	
5. Allow student to use highlighter as student reads content of test. **		•	•
6. Allow student to respond orally (or in writing) in native language, and a translator records (or translates) student response in writing in English. (Not allowed on English Language Arts or Reading test)*			•
7. Provide audio recording of test items in native language version. (Not allowed on English Language Arts or Reading test)*			•
8. Provide side-by-side bilingual test or translated version. (Not allowed on English Language Arts or Reading test)*			•

Assessment Guidelines and Accommodations	sinəbui? IIA	Students with Disabilities/504	English Language Learners
V. Setting			
1. Provide distraction-free space or an alternative location for the student (e.g., study carrel, front of classroom).	•	•	•
2. Take the test with a small group or a different class.	•	•	•
3. Take the test at home or in a care facility (e.g., hospital), with district supervision.	•	•	•
4. Use adaptive furniture.	•	•	•
5. Use special lighting and/or acoustics.	•	•	•
6. Place the student in the room or part of the room where he/she is most comfortable.	•	•	•
7. Provide for an individual and supervised test administration.	•	•	•
8. Allow the student freedom to move, stand, or pace during an individualized administration of the test.		•	
VI. Timing/Scheduling			
1. Timing of the test ***	•	•	•
Each section of every test has a specific time allotment to complete the test. A person administering the test may provide a break or multiple breaks as long as the time allotted for students to take the test is provided. Example: The time allotment for a section of a test is one hour. Instead of scheduling the test from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., the test administrator may schedule it from 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and provide a 15-minute break. The students were given the time allotted to take the test—one hour—and were given a 15-minute break.	•	•	•
2. Scheduling	•	•	•
Each tested subject is given in multiple sections. There is no need to test all sections in a subject on the			
same day. Example: Maunemanes has unce secuons. An Maunemanes secuons can be given in one day, or sections can be given on multiple days.	•	•	•

Assessment Guidelines and Accommodations	stnabut2 IIA	Students with Disabilities/504	English Language Learners
3. Provide extra time for any timed test. * *** Each section of every test has a specific time allotment to complete the test. ELL students and students with disabilities/504 may be provided extra time beyond the time allotted. Example: The time allotment for a section of the test is one hour. Time may be extended for as long as the student needs to complete this section as long as this section is completed within the day it has been started.		•	•
4. Allow more breaks that result in extra time for any timed test.* *** ELL students and students with disabilities/504 may have additional and/or extended breaks beyond the number of breaks provided during the administration of the test.		•	•

Explanations of asterisks

should be considered when interpreting individual test scores. If these accommodations are used, they must be recorded on *Denotes a Category 2 accommodation, which is an accommodation that may have an effect on student performance that the back of the student's test book.

** Denotes an accommodation involving the use of highlighters. Highlighters may be used only by ELL students and students with disabilities. Please note: Carefully supervise the use of highlighters because they may cause smudging of pencil marks and bubbles and, therefore, could affect reliability of scoring. If highlighters are used, the following guidelines must be followed:

Guidelines for Highlighters (CTB McGraw Hill):

- 1. Do not allow the highlighting of track marks, lithocodes, skunk lines, barcodes, preslugged bubbles, or any carbon black printing. (See page 62 for descriptions of these areas.) The highlighters cause these black inks to blur and bleed
- 2. Do not allow the highlighting of pencil marks of any kind, whether bubbles or handwriting. The highlighters cause pencil marks to blur and bleed
- 3. Use only highlighters from the following list (these highlighters were tested and found to have minimal problems):
 - Avery Hi-liter
- Avery Hi-liter, thin-tipped
 - Bic Brite-Liner
- Sanford Major Accent
- Sanford Pocket Accent, thin-tipped

***Denotes an accommodation for which test security should be considered.

Test security must be maintained during all breaks within a testing session. To lessen the risk of a security breach occurring during these breaks, students requiring the use of restroom facilities must be escorted by either the proctor or a test examiner. In addition, students must not be allowed to use any form of wireless communication during these breaks.

****Parameters for marking the test book with #2 pencil:

- Do not mark in the bubble answer positions.
- Do not mark in the student pre-ID barcode on the barcode label.
- Do not mark in the timing tracks (the parallel lines along the side of the test book).
- Do not mark in the lithocodes (the squares and numbers across the bottom of the document on the first and last page Do not mark in the skunk lines (the little squares and rectangles across the bottom of each page of the test book). of the test book).
- Do not mark more than one answer bubble, as the scanner cannot determine a response.

Attachment B

English Language Proficiency Levels

The definitions of the five limited-English language proficiency levels, as well as Level 6, one of two fully English language proficiency levels, are from PI 13.08(3)(1)-(6), Wisconsin Administrative Rule. Level 7, the other fully English language proficiency level, is used for purposes of state reporting/state testing.

Level 1—Beginning/Preproduction [WIDA level = Entering]:

A pupil shall be classified level 1 if the pupil does not understand or speak English with the exception of a few isolated words or expressions.

Level 2—Beginning/Production [WIDA level = Beginning]:

A pupil shall be classified level 2 if all of the following criteria are met:

- (a) The pupil understands and speaks conversational and academic English with hesitancy and difficulty.
- (b) The pupil understands parts of lessons and simple directions.
- (c) The pupil is at a pre-emergent or emergent level of reading and writing in English, significantly below grade level.

Level 3—Intermediate [WIDA level = Developing]:

A pupil shall be classified level 3 if all of the following criteria are met: (a) The pupil understands and speaks conversational and academic English with decreasing hesitancy and difficulty.

- (b) The pupil is post-emergent, developing reading comprehension and writing skills in English.
- (c) The pupil's English literacy skills allow the student to demonstrate academic knowledge in content areas with assistance.

Level 4—Advanced Intermediate [WIDA level = Expanding]:

A pupil shall be classified level 4 if all of the following criteria are met: (a) The pupil understands and speaks conversational English without apparent difficulty, but understands and speaks academic English with some hesitancy.

(b) The pupil continues to acquire reading and writing skills in content areas needed to achieve grade level expectations with assistance.

Level 5—Advanced [WIDA level = Bridging]:

A pupil shall be classified level 5 if all of the following criteria are met: (a) The pupil understands and speaks conversational and academic English well.

- (b) The pupil is near proficient in reading, writing, and content area skills needed to meet grade level expectations.
- (c) The pupil requires occasional support.

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Level 6—Formerly Limited-English Proficient/Now Fully English Proficient:

A pupil shall be classified level 6 if all of the following criteria are met: (a) The pupil was formerly limited-English proficient and is now fully English proficient.

(b) The pupil reads, writes, speaks, and comprehends English within academic classroom settings.

Level 7—Fully English Proficient/Never Limited-English Proficient:

The student was never classified as limited-English proficient and does not fit the definition of a limited-English proficient student outlined in either state or federal law.

Attachment C

New Test Access Rules

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ORDER OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION CREATING RULES

The state superintendent of public instruction hereby proposes to create ch. PI 28, relating to providing access to the 4th, 8th, and 10th grade Knowledge and Concepts Examinations and the High School Graduation Test.

ANALYSIS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Statutory authority: ss. 118.30 (3) (b) and 227.11 (2) (a), Stats.

Statute interpreted: s. 118.30 (3), Stats.

Since 1992, when the knowledge and concepts examinations were first instituted in Wisconsin, the state superintendent has been required to make available, upon request, within 90 days of the date of administration, any of the required pupil assessments under s. 118.30, Stats. This requirement also applied to the high school graduation test when it was added in 1997. The department has provided guidance on proper test use and review in a document titled, "DPI Guidelines for Appropriate Testing Procedures."

2001 Wisconsin Act 16 created s. 118.30 (3) (b), Stats., requiring the state superintendent to promulgate rules establishing procedures to allow a person to view these tests. The proposed rules codify the requirements in the guidelines. Specifically, the rules:

- Do not allow a person to review a test that is being developed or validated.
- Require the test viewer to submit a written request and a signed confidentiality agreement to the state superintendent within 90 days after the date of administration of the test. In addition if a person wants to view a test at a charter school under s. 118.40 (2r), Stats., [(2r) charter school] or school, require the test viewer to submit a written request and signed confidentiality agreement to the charter school or school board of the school.
- Require the school board, (2r) charter school or the department to file a confirmation of destruction with the test publisher before allowing a test to be viewed.
- Require the school board, (2r) charter school or the department to ensure that the individual making the request signs a confidentiality agreement.
- Require the school board, (2r) charter school or the department to ensure the test viewer is accompanied by a staff member who is aware of the confidentiality requirements associated with the test.

SECTION 1. Chapter PI 28 is created to read:

Chapter PI 28

TEST ACCESS

PI 28.01 Authority and purpose. (1) Under s. 118.30 (3), Stats., the state superintendent is required to promulgate rules to allow a person to view the 4th, 8th and 10th grade Wisconsin knowledge and concepts examinations and the high school graduation examination. This chapter does not apply to an examination being developed or validated. To the extent possible, the rules shall protect the security and confidentiality of the examinations.

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(2) This chapter establishes requirements for school boards, charter schools and the department providing the tests under sub. (1) and procedures for persons requesting to view the tests under sub. (1).

PI 28.02 Definitions. In this chapter:

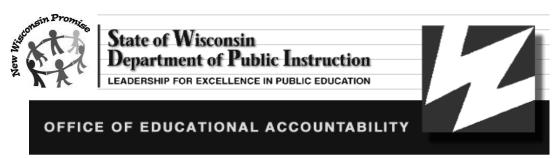
- (1) "Date of administration of the test" means the date a pupil completes taking all of the parts of a test or the date the department releases the statewide test results to the public or news media.
 - (2) "Charter school" means a charter school established under s. 118.40 (2r), Stats.
 - (3) "Department" means the Wisconsin department of public instruction.
 - (4) "School board" has the meaning defined in s. 115.001 (7), Stats.
 - (5) "State superintendent" means the Wisconsin state superintendent of public instruction.
- (6) "Test" means the 4th, 8th and 10th grade Wisconsin knowledge and concepts examinations and the high school graduation examination administered under s. 118.30, Stats.
- PI 28.03 Test access. (1) TEST VIEWER REQUIREMENTS. (a) Except as specified under par. (b), a person may view a test under this chapter if he or she submits a written request and a signed confidentiality agreement to the state superintendent within 90 days after the date of administration of the test. If a person wants to view a test at a charter school or school, he or she shall also submit a written request and signed confidentiality agreement to the charter school or school board of the school.
 - (b) A person may not view a test while it is being developed or validated.
- (2) SCHOOL BOARD, CHARTER SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS. (a) A school board or charter school may, but is not required to, provide for viewing a test. A school board or charter school that receives a request under sub. (1) but does not provide for viewing a test, shall notify the department. A school board, charter school or department that provides for the viewing of the test under this chapter shall allow a person to view a test if all of the following apply:
- 1. The school board, charter school or department has received the written request and a copy of the signed confidentiality agreement under sub. (1) (a). The agreement shall include the following provisions:
- a. The test viewer may not discuss, disseminate, describe or otherwise reveal the contents of the test to any third party with the intent to violate the copyright or compromise the validity of the test.
- b. The test viewer may not make copies of the test or any test items, take notes, or otherwise reproduce the test or test items.
 - c. The test viewer may not publish, or cause to be published, the test or any of the test items.
- 2. The school board, charter school or department shall file, if it has not already filed, a confirmation of destruction/security agreement with the test publisher.
- 3. The school board, charter school or department shall ensure the test viewer is accompanied at all times by a staff member who is aware of the confidentiality requirements associated with the test. In addition, a qualified staff member who is aware of the confidentiality requirements associated with the test and can explain the proper use of the test, the purposes of the Wisconsin student assessment system, and the meaning of test results shall be available at all times that the viewer is present but need not physically accompany the viewer at all times.
- (b) The school board, charter school or department that receives a request under sub. (1) (a) shall acknowledge and provide for viewing the test within 90 days of receipt of the request.

NOTE: The Confirmation of Destruction is available on the department's Web site at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/kce_publin.html. The Confidentiality Agreement is available on the department's Web site at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/kc_confi.html (see Attachment D). Both forms may be obtained at no charge from the Department of Public Instruction, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

The proposed rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month commencing after the date of publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2002

Elizabeth Burmaster State Superintendent



STATE OF WISCONSIN

KNOWLEDGE AND CONCEPTS EXAMINATIONS--CRITERION REFERENCED TEST AT GRADES 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 10

AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

The test instrument you are about to view, **WKCE—CRT** was developed for the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations—Criterion Referenced Test (WKCE—CRT). It is important to note that this test is a secure, proprietary test instrument published by CTB/McGraw-Hill with components copyrighted by CTB/McGraw-Hill and other components copyrighted by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Any disclosure or dissemination of test items to any person will undermine the value of the test and adversely affect the validity of test results. The confidentiality of test questions and answers is paramount in maintaining the integrity and validity of the WKCE-CRT test. Accordingly, the Department of Public Instruction and Wisconsin educators must take every step to assure the security of these test instruments. I hereby agree that I will not disclose any materials (such as, but not limited to: test items, graphics, tasks, scoring rubrics, item specifications, test design, content limits, and measurement/research data) related to the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations—CRT at Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10.

I understand the test is a secure, confidential, and proprietary test instrument, and I agree that I will **NOT** do any of the following:

- Discuss, disseminate, describe, or otherwise reveal the contents of the test to any third party with the intent to violate the copyright or compromise the validity of the test;
- Publish, or cause to be published, the test or any of the test items;
- Make copies of the test or any test items, take notes, or otherwise reproduce the test or test items.

Signature	Date
Name (Please Print)	
Title	
Organization/Employer Name	
Street Name, Address, City, State, Zip	DPI Representative Signature
	Date

Most Common Errors

A list of the most common errors is provided below.

School Header Sheet (SHS) and School/Group List (S/GL)

- Principal's signature was missing on the SHS.
- The school's name, instead of the principal's name, was provided on the SHS.
- The number of students on the SHS did not match the number of students on the S/GL.
- The number of students on the SHS or S/GL did not match the number of student test books sent for scoring.
- Student count was not entered on the SHS and/or S/GL.
- A photocopy of the SHS was used instead of the original. (Photocopies cannot be scanned.)
- The school code entered on the SHS was incorrect and did not match the code provided by the DPI.
- The school code was not provided.
- A copy of the SHS or S/GL from the previous year was used.
- An SHS or S/GL from another school was used. (These forms are precoded and are **not** interchangeable.)
- Student test books were returned for scoring without an SHS or an S/GL.

Student Pre-ID Labels and Student Information Pages

- Student test books were returned without student pre-ID labels affixed to the front or back cover or with incomplete student information pages.
- Student pre-ID labels were placed randomly on test books.
- The master labels were used instead of the barcoded labels.
- The student pre-ID labels were used for test books other than WKCE-CRT test books.
- Student information on the student pre-ID labels was modified by school staff.
- The student name on the student pre-ID labels was different from the one on the back of the test book.
- Student pre-ID labels were partially ripped off and unscannable.
- Student biographical information was not bubbled in correctly.

Braille or Large Print Editions

- Braille or Large Print tests were not transcribed verbatim into a WKCE-CRT test book.
- A Large Print test was not transcribed into a WKCE-CRT test book.

Shipping and Mailing

- A district requesting pickup of test materials did not leave any identifying information.
- Boxes containing student test books were improperly marked (e.g., "5 of 3" or multiple boxes marked "1 of 3").
- Student test books were not sorted by grade.
- Student test books were not sorted by school.
- Districts did not contact CTB for pickup of materials. Rather, they used their own carrier to mail them.

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Do's and Don'ts

Do:

- Notify students and parents of the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) WKCE-CRT testing window [October 24–November 25, 2005].
- Read and be knowledgeable about the following resources prior to the administration of the WKCE-CRT:
 - Guide for District Assessment Coordinators and School Assessment Coordinators, located at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/kce_publin.html
 - Directions for Test Administration Grades 3–8 and 10
 - WKCE Question and Answer Document, located at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/kce.html
- Make sure you are administering the current year's WKCE-CRT at the appropriate grade level (do not administer a prior year's WKCE, as the test items are different).
- Keep all WKCE-CRT examinations locked in a secure storage area or cabinet when not in use.
- Account for all WKCE-CRT test books before assessment, during assessment, and after assessment has concluded.
- Allow public review of the WKCE-CRT ("... a PI 28.01 Authority and Purpose. (1) Under s. 118.30 (3), Stats. the state superintendent is required to allow a person to view the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th grade *Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations*. To the extent possible, the rules shall protect the security and confidentiality of the examinations.").
- Districts must return all test books to the testing vendor, except for the one Public Access copy. No one is allowed to retain any copies of the test book at any grade level, except for the one copy of each test book (grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. and 10) to meet the Wisconsin Public Access Rules.
- Have a current school district policy for grade-level classification when determining all students assigned to grades 3–8 and 10.
- Organize your classroom for testing. Here are some suggestions:
 - Plan for distribution and collection of test materials.
 - Plan seating arrangements allowing enough space between students to prevent sharing of answers.
 - Eliminate distractions such as bells or telephones.

- Use a "Do Not Disturb" sign on the door of the testing room.
- Indicate starting and stopping times for each testing section on the chalkboard.
- Prevent students from going ahead in the test book.
- Adhere to the stop signs at the end of each content area test.
- Cover any educational materials in the classroom that might assist students in answering the test questions.

Please Don't:

- Do not make any photocopies of the WKCE-CRT to use as practice tests with students or to use as part of a staff development opportunity for educators. Practice activities are provided for grades 3—8. Districts also have copies of CTB McGraw-Hill's Classroom Connections, which offers sample items for use in the classroom.
- Do not copy any current or previous version of the *Wisconsin Knowledge* and *Concepts Examinations*. This includes photocopies, overheads, and written notes. Any form of reproduction of any test items is a violation of copyright laws.
- Do not allow the following accommodations:
 - Reading a reading test
 - Using a calculator on a Mathematics test designed to measure mental computation
 - Using spelling tools on Writing tests that score the correctness of spelling
 - Paraphrasing that changes the meaning of the text in order to make the material easier to read and comprehend (This accommodation invalidates scores on the WKCE-CRT, as many items on these tests assess content and vocabulary knowledge.)

See the following resources for more information: WKCE-CRT Question and Answer Document, located at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/kce.html, and DPI Guidelines to Facilitate the Participation of Students with Special Needs in State Assessments, located at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/specneed.html.

- Do not leave WKCE-CRT test books in unsupervised areas prior to testing. Always follow the DPI Test Security Guidelines, located at http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/kc_ethic.html.
- Do not use a photocopy of the School Header Sheet when returning test books to the test vendor—you must use the original provided by CTB.
- Do not include home-school students or non-public school students in the WKCE-CRT administration.
- Do not allow students to proctor the test or monitor younger students taking the test.
- Do not allow the use of dictionaries, thesauri, mathematics tables, word lists, or other reference tools during the WKCE-CRT administration.

Appendix C

Glossary of Measurement Terms

Accommodation A general term referring to changes in the setting in which a test is administered, the timing of a test, the scheduling of a test, the ways in which a test is presented, and the ways in which a student responds to a test. The term is used to refer to changes that do not alter in any significant way what the test measures or the comparability of scores.

Achievement test An assessment that measures a student's acquired knowledge and skills in one or more content areas (for example, reading, mathematics, science or language arts) in which the student has received instruction.

Alternate assessment A substitute way of gathering information on the performance and progress of students who cannot participate, even with accommodations, in state or district assessment programs. Alternate assessments provide a mechanism for all students to be included in the accountability system. Anything that is used as an alternative to a standardized multiple-choice test.

Authentic assessment An accurate type of assessment that differs from traditional achievement tests, which are composed of selected-response items only. An authentic assessment may require students to generate or produce responses or products that measure their performance on tasks and situations that are closely aligned with what students do in the classroom. This type of assessment may include essays, portfolios, interviews, teacher observations, work samples, and group projects.

Bias A systematic error in a test score. Bias may refer to construct under representation or construct irrelevance that affects the test performance of different groups of students.

Ceiling The upper limit of performance that can be effectively measured by a test. Individuals are said to have reached the ceiling of a test when they perform at the top of the range that the test was designed to measure and discriminate reliably. If an individual or group scores at the ceiling of a test, the next-higher level of the test, if available, should be administered.

Checklist An assessment that is based on the examiner's observing an individual or group and indicating whether or not the assessed behavior is demonstrated.

Construct The concept or the characteristic that a test is designed to measure.

Construct equivalence The extent to which the construct measured by one test is essentially the same as the construct measured by another test. In addition, construct equivalence can refer to how well the construct of interest is measured in one cultural group compared to a different cultural group.

Construct validity (**content validity**) Construct validity indicates the extent to which the content of a test samples the subject matter or situation about which conclusions are to be drawn; also described as "evidence based on test content." Methods used in determining construct validity are textbook analysis, description of the universe of items, adequacy of the sample, representativeness of the test content, intercorrelations of subtest scores, and opinions of a jury of experts.

Constructed-response item An assessment unit with directions, a question, or a problem that elicits a written, pictorial, or graphic response from a student. Sometimes called an "open-ended" item. Short-answer items require a few words or a number; extended-response items require at least a few sentences.

Content standard A statement describing the knowledge and skills in a content area (e.g., language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies) that should be met at a specified point in time (e.g., end of grade). National content standards are published by groups such as the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the International Reading Association/National Council of Teachers of English. Our local content standards are entitled "Wisconsin Model Academic Standards."

Criterion A standard or judgment used as a basis for quantitative and qualitative comparison; also a variable to which a test is compared as a measure of the test's validity. For example, grade point average and attainment of curricular objectives are often used as criteria for judging the validity of a cognitive abilities test.

Criterion-referenced test An assessment that allows its users to make score interpretations of a student's performance in relation to a specified performance standard or criteria, rather than in comparison to the performances of other test takers.

Diagnostic test A test intended to locate learning difficulties or patterns of error. Such tests yield measures of specific knowledge, skills, or abilities underlying achievement within a broad subject. Thus, they provide a basis for remedial instruction.

Differential item functioning (DIF) A situation that occurs in testing when different groups of examinees (e.g., ethnic or gender groups) with the same total test score have different average item scores. Test developers reduce DIF by analyzing item data separately for each group. Items identified with DIF are carefully reviewed by content experts and culture and sensitivity committees. Items that appear to be unfair to one or more groups are discarded.

Distractor An incorrect answer choice in a selected-response or matching test item. Sometimes called a "foil."

Floor The opposite of ceiling, it is the lowest limit of performance that can be measured effectively by a test. Individuals are said to have reached the floor of a test when they perform at the bottom of the range that the test was designed to measure and discriminate reliably. If an individual or group scores at the floor of a test, the next-lower level of the test, if available, should be administered.

Holistic scoring A scoring procedure yielding a single score based on overall student performance rather than on an accumulation of points. Holistic scoring uses rubrics to evaluate student performance.

Item A statement, exercise, task, question, or problem on a test.

Local norms Norms that have been obtained from data collected in a limited reference population of specific interest to the test user, such as a school system, county, or state. They may be used instead of, or along with, national norms to evaluate student performance.

Mean The quotient obtained by dividing the sum of a set of scores by the number of scores; also called "average." Mathematicians call it "arithmetic mean."

Median The middle score in a set of ranked scores. Equal numbers of ranked scores lie about and below the median. It corresponds to the fiftieth percentile and the fifth decile.

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Mode The score or value that occurs most frequently in a distribution.

Multiple measures Assessments that measure student performance in a variety of ways. Multiple measures may include standardized tests, teacher observations, classroom performance assessments, and portfolios.

Normal curve equivalent (NCE) The normal curve equivalent (NCE) scale, ranging from 1 to 99, coincides with the national percentile scale at 1, 50, and 99. NCEs have many of the same characteristics as percentile ranks, but have the additional advantage of being based on an equal-interval scale. The difference between two successive scores on the scale has the same meaning throughout the scale. This property allows you to make meaningful comparisons among different achievement test batteries and among different tests within the same battery. You can compare NCEs obtained by different groups of students on the same test or test battery by averaging the scores for the groups.

Percentile rank One of the 99-point scores that divide a ranked distribution into groups, each of which contains 1/100 of the scores. For example, the seventy-third percentile denotes the score or point below which 73 percent of the scores fall in a particular distribution of scores. A state percentile is the percent of students in a norm group whose scores fall below a student's score; a local percentile is the percent of students in a local group whose scores fall below a student's score.

Prompt An assessment topic, situation, or statement to which students are expected to respond. Sometimes called a "stimulus."

Raw score The first score obtained in scoring a test, often the number of correct answers required to complete the test, the number of errors, or some other number obtained directly from the test's administration.

Reliability The degree to which test scores obtained by a group of individuals are consistent over repeated applications. The reliability coefficient indicates the degree to which scores are free of measurement error. The conditions that the coefficient estimates may involve variations in test forms (alternate form reliability), repeated administration of the same form to the same group after a time interval (test-retest reliability), or the statistical interrelationship of responses on separate parts of the test (internal consistency).

Rubric A scoring tool, or set of criteria, used to evaluate a student's test performance.

Scale An organized set of measurements, all of which measure one property or characteristic. Different types of test-score scales use different units, such as number correct, percentiles, or item response theory (IRT) scale scores.

Scale scores Scores on a single scale with intervals of equal size. The scale can be applied to all groups taking a given test, regardless of groups of students. Scale scores are appropriate for various statistical purposes. For example, they can be added, subtracted, and averaged across test levels. Such computations permit educators to make direct comparisons among examinees, compare individual scores to groups, or compare an individual's pre-test scores within a specific content area in a way that is statistically valid. This cannot be done with percentiles or grade equivalents.

Selected-response item (also called "multiple-choice item") A question, problem, or statement (called a "stem") that appears on a test followed by two or more answer choices, called "alternatives" or "response choices." The incorrect choices, called "distractors," usually reflect common errors. The student's task is to choose, from the alternatives provided, the best answer to the question posed in the stem.

Speededness A test characteristic, dictated by the test's time limits, that results in a test-taker's score being dependent on the rate at which work is performed as well as the correctness of the responses. The term is not used to describe tests of speed. Speededness is often an undesirable characteristic.

Standard deviation A statistic used to express the extent of the divergence of a set of scores from the average of all the scores in the group. In a normal distribution, approximately two-thirds (68.3 percent) of the scores lie within the limits of one standard deviation above and one standard deviation below the mean. The remaining scores are equally distributed by more than one standard deviation above and below the mean.

Standard error of measurement (SEM) Measurement error is associated with all test scores. The standard error of measurement (SEM) is an estimate of the amount of error to be expected in a score from a particular test. This statistic provides a range within which a student's true score is likely to fall. The smaller the standard error of measurement, the smaller the range in which the student's true score would likely fall and the more accurate the test score.

Standardization The process of administering a test to a representative sample of examinees using carefully defined directions, time limits, materials, and scoring procedures for all test-takers. The results produce norms to which the test is intended.

Standards performance index (SPI) The standards performance index (SPI) is an estimate of the number of items that a student could be expected to answer correctly if there had been 100 such items for that standard.

Stimulus A passage or graphic display about which questions are asked.

Test A device or procedure designed to elicit responses that permit an inference about what a student knows or can do.

Validity The degree to which accumulated evidence and theory support specific interpretations of test scores proposed by users of a test.

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Appendix D

Wisconsin Record Editing System (RES) and Online Reporting System (ORS)

RES

The Record Editing System (RES) is the online system to identify and correct student demographic data errors and omissions in the ISES/pre-ID label process for the WKCE-CRT public and private data reporting system. The RES is available to all public school districts in late January or early February for 10 days. All districts will be notified by email when their WKCE-CRT data is ready to be validated.

Once districts have validated their student-level WKCE-CRT data and have corrected all known errors, the WKCE-CRT data is submitted to the testing contractor. Once the file has been submitted, no changes can be made to the RES. Districts should be aware that while RES is programmed to draw attention to obvious "logic errors" (e.g., a student with no information entered for key fields such as race/ethnicity), it cannot check for all potential non-logic errors (e.g., students incorrectly coded as not being enrolled for a full academic year). For this reason, districts are strongly encouraged to check data for all students in order to prevent potential errors that may impact decisions related to calculation of adequate yearly progress (AYP).

The goal of RES is to correct all data errors and correct any changes in student demographics from one collection cycle to the next. To access additional information regarding the RES, use the following URL: http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/wkce-crt.html.

ORS

The WSAS Online Reporting System (ORS) is an initiative developed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in conjunction with CTB/McGraw-Hill to provide timely and valuable reporting and analysis of WSAS data to Wisconsin school districts.

The specific goals for the ORS system are as follows:

- Version 1 Goal—Provide the 2004–05 WSAS reports in an online format with the previous paper-based reports available within the system for printing as PDF files.
- Version 2 Goal—Provide more flexible and powerful ways of viewing assessment information through more sophisticated disaggregation capabilities, longitudinal and cohort analysis, and enhanced individual student reporting.
- Beyond Version 2 Goal—Continue to shape the ORS system to meet the WSAS reporting needs of Wisconsin districts and changes relating to future online testing initiatives.

To access additional information regarding the ORS, use the following URL: http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/oea/wkce-crt.html.

Appendix E

Customer Service Support for the Wisconsin Online Record Editing System

Overview

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has requested a document that outlines the specified framework and guidelines that will be used to provide customer support for the CTB Online Record Editing System, which will allow the Wisconsin customer the ability to make corrections to their student data prior to the reports being uploaded to the WSAS Online Reporting System.

The CTB Online Recording Editing System will be provided by CTB in accordance with the contractual arrangements agreed upon between the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and CTB.

Customer Support Service Levels

CTB will provide dedicated Wisconsin Customer Service, Scoring, and Web Application staff, to support the Wisconsin customer from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday. The Wisconsin customer will be able to contact the Customer Service Department through a dedicated toll-free number, which is 800-282-2203.

All calls received by the Customer Service staff will be logged in the CTB Customer Service Database System (CDS/2), which is proprietary software, and will remain as an open issue until such time as a resolution has been reached, and the customer has been advised of that resolution. Each customer contact, or reported occurrence, will be documented. Any follow-up or additional information related to the problem that has already been reported to a Customer Service staff member will be added to the initial call until such time as the problem is considered resolved.

Upon request, the Customer Service Manager will provide the Wisconsin Program Management Team and/or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction a summary of calls received by the Customer Service Department based on information recorded in CDS/2.

The Customer Service staff will be available to assist the customer in accessing and utilizing the Online Record Editing System, as needed. Examples of some areas in which the Customer Service staff will assist the Wisconsin customer include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assistance with logging on to the website, including initial login and password
- Website navigation
- · Basic questions regarding editing data
- · Download and upload of data

Additional customer support will be provided to the Customer Service staff and the customer by the Wisconsin Scoring Team and/or the Web Application staff, when an issue requires additional expertise in order to reach a satisfactory resolution. Examples of this type would include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Inability to access the URL/website and/or data
- Questions regarding specific student data, special state accommodations, etc.
- Website maintenance
- Missing student data

To resolve such issues, the following call escalation guidelines have been implemented:

- 1. Data issues that cannot be resolved by the Customer Service Team will be referred to the Wisconsin Scoring Team for resolution. The Wisconsin Scoring Team will be responsible for contacting the customer and providing a solution to the customer's inquiry. The Scoring Team will inform Customer Service of the resolution, which will be documented in CDS/2.
- 2. Application issues that cannot be resolved by the Customer Service Team will be referred to the Web Application staff for resolution. The Web Application staff will provide Customer Service with an estimated time needed to identify and resolve the reported application problem. The Customer Service Team will be responsible for providing the solution to the customer, and the resolution will be documented in CDS/2.

A prioritization level between Customer Service, the Wisconsin Scoring Team, and the Web Application staff has been defined as follows:

- Level one, a low-impact issue, is defined as a data or application issue that does not impair the end user from utilizing the system resources. An example of a level-one issue would be a screen that contains a word that is spelled incorrectly. An estimated time of resolution is two to three business days.
- Level two, a medium-impact issue, is defined as a data or application issue that impairs the user from utilizing the Online Record Editing System, but a workaround is available to the end user, which permits said user to continue utilizing the program. An example of a level-two issue is a problem with system login access for a particular end user, but another login will permit the end user to continue to utilize the online reporting system. An estimated time of resolution is one business day.
- Level three, a high-impact issue, is defined as a data or application issue that renders the Online Record Editing System as unusable and no workaround is available. An example of a level-three issue is a problem where the website is not accessible. An estimated time of resolution is within four business hours.

Communication of an Escalated Issue

A method to communicate any escalated issue has been established to provide documented interaction between Customer Service, the Wisconsin Scoring Team, and/or Web Application staff, as needed.

- 1. An escalated scoring issue will be communicated to the dedicated Wisconsin Scoring Team, utilizing both voice and email, and documented in CDS/2.
- 2. An escalated web application software issue will be communicated to the dedicated Wisconsin Scoring Team, utilizing both voice and email, and documented in CDS/2.

Summary

The Online Record Editing System will provide users with enhanced ability, which will allow the Wisconsin customer to make corrections to their student data prior to the reports being uploaded to the WSAS Online Reporting System. It is the goal of this document to outline the internal steps taken by CTB to provide the customer with the support needed to utilize this online reporting system.

To determine if the service level provided to the Wisconsin customer has been satisfactory, CTB will create and make available to said customer a customer satisfaction survey. The survey will be approved by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and distributed, and results will be accumulated and reported in accordance with established guidelines.

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The Department of Public Instruction does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability.

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